Notes by S. Judd,
Beginning
May 1857 - to April 1860
also
Additional notes
by
Miss Nina Judd
(His Daughter)
to Feb 1861

With plan of lot in
Cemetery with
Sketch of Judd
Monument

Sylvester Judd

Volume "X.Z.-2."

Weather & Miscellaneous notes.

S Judd May 1857
Weather and Miscellaneous

et description

The first congregational Church is situated in the central part of the town opposite Mr Asa Clarks store. It is 100 feet in length and 70 wide 120 feet in height it is ascended by 3 flight of steps with iron railing it is surrounded in the inside by three galleries the one next to the street is occupied by the singers the pulpit is on the side next to the lot fomerly owned by Mr Ethel Terry there is a large window on the back of the pulpit with a large damask silk curtain the bell weighs 1100 lbs.

The Unitarian meeting house is rather small it is situated on Mr Eben Thurstons lot. they go into it by a brick walk the walk is surrounded by locust trees when it was building it was blown down.

The Episcopal Church is situated in Main Street there is an organ in it which is

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going all the time and makes people almost crazy, it has a small bell. They have not had a minister for a good while. It is built in the gothic style. Edwards Church was built in 1833 and was dedicated June 1834 the corner stone was laid July 4 1833 there was a meeting at the 1st congregational Church when the meeting was over they went to the Church Mr Loder made an address. It has a Cast bell which weighs 1826 lbs and cost $280 it was made at Lowner. It is a very elegant Church and has a splended pulpit which is made of mahogony it has two mahogany chairs the Baptist church is built of brick and is situated in West street

I did not know much about the Baptists church

A SO GOOD BIE
UNDER GENERAL JACKSON

AND JACK DOWNING
June 11 1834

Sophie I am sorry to see your composition so disfigured by scribling. I beg of you that it may not be repeated
D.W.

April 16 1914
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GIFT OF

Miss Nina Judd
Augusta, Maine

April 16 – 1914

I am letting my cousin
D. E. Hoxie take my dear
father's note books, and a copy
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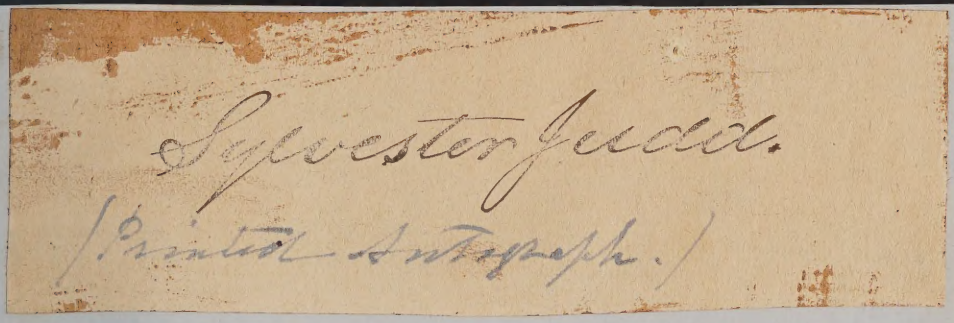
I write this in Cleveland, Ohio,

Nina Judd
daughter of Sylvester Judd –
once editor of
Hampshire Gazette –


Sylvester Judd.
(Printed Autograph.)

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"Sylvester Judd's
Note Book."
May, 1857.

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May. 1857.

Thermometer.

First day	Sunrise.	1 P.M.	9 P.M.		
1	29.	61.	41	Sunshine through haze. Windy.	S.
2	41.	52.	52.	Rainy most of day. Strong wind from S. Heavy rain in Evening.	
Sund. 3	50.	67	53.	mostly fair A.M. mostly Cloudy P.M.	S.E. S.W.
4	48.	52.	48.	Gentle rain almost all day.	N.E.
5	47.	62.	53.	Heavy rain A.M. Cloudy P.M.	N.E. &c.
6	48.	68.	50.	Fair and pleasant.	S.W.
7	45.	64.	44.	Fair and pleasant	N.E. & N.W.
8	38.	64	48.	Fair & pleasant	N.W.
9	39.	72.	52	Fair & pleasant. Strong Wind from	S.
Sund 10	45.	73.	48.	mostly fair. Thund. Shower at 4½.	S.
11	39.	49.	39	Fair & cool.	N.W.
12	32	58.	42	Fair & coolish	Northerly.
13.	33.	63.	48	Fair & pleasant	N.W.
14.	42	65.	51.	Sunshine through haze A.M. Cloudy & little rain P.M.	Southerly
15.	46	53.	45	Cloudy A.M. Rainy P.M.	Southerly
16.	39.	49.	39.	Cloudy till 4 P.M. Rainy. Rain in night	N.E.
Sund 17.	41.	49	40.	Rainy A.M. Fair P.M.	A.M. N.W. P.M.
18.	38.	56	44.	Cloudy all day, no rain.	Easterly
19	37.	56	43.	Cloudy all day. Rain in Evening.	N.E.
20.	43.	48.	44.	Cloudy. some Rainy. windy	N.E.
21.	44.	50.	46.	Cloudy and a little rain	N.E.
22	40.	72.	56	Foggy till 9. Then fair & pleasant	N.W.
23.	43.	75.	58.	mostly fair. part Cloudy	Southerly
Sund. 24	45.	80.	65.	Fair & smoky. warm.	S. & S.W.
25.	48.	84.	66	Fair mostly. smoky. warm	S.E. & S.W.
26.	50.	86.	64	Fair mostly. smoky. warm.	S. & S.W.
27	49.	76.	63.	Fair mostly. smoky. warm. some rain in night	S.
28	58.	73.	62.	Mostly Cloudy. A little rain. Rain in the night	S.
29	58.	71.	59	Cloudy A.M. mostly Fair P.M.	S. &c.
30	50.	67	53.	⅔ Cloudy. windy.	N.W.
Sund 31	44.	66 (later 71)	58.	Cloudy till 3. Then fair mostly	S.W. N.W.
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Temperature

At Sunrise 43 11/31
At 1 P.M. 63 28/31
At 9 P.M. 50 24/31

Average 52° 6/31.

The month nearly the same as May 1856, but first-two thirds, was colder, and last 10 days a little warmer. 2 degrees colder than May 1855. 5 degrees colder than May 1854, and 4 degrees colder than May 1853. — May 1856 & May 1857 were both cold, backward Mays.

2 May. 1857.

Money Matters.

Receipts

May 1. Balance of account Vol. VIII. p. 569 — 29.73.
6 Interest one year on Mr Jewett's Note to April 8. 9.00
15. Samuel Edwards paid me $8.20 for Interest to Sister Matthews. 8.20
do do paid 1.80 to me. — 1.80

June. Of Stamford man for services 1.00. (Mr Whitney.) 48.73
June 20. For 3 Genealogies 1.50 — 1.00
July 1. my Deposit in bank 60 ct. — 1.50
6. Borrowed of Frances 24.73 and 27 ct paid out below — 60.00.
[Paid July 1. 1858 & Interest] 25.00
$136.23

Expenditures.

May 1. 6 rolls of paper for Kitchen 84 ct. Cheese 16 ct. Tea 12 ct. 1.12
6. Use of Pantry Mr Jewett's pew to Jan. 1. 1857. 1.00
6. Paid Mr Jewett for filling gully near my house. 1.00
6 Paid Temple for sawing & splitting wood — 1.00.
6 Silk braid 8 ct. 1 lb Indian meal 22 ct. Bridge 3 ct 0.33
12 Beans & corn 10 ct. Butter & Cheese 32 ct. + 10 ct. 0.52
14 Beans & seeds 18 ct. Turnips 8. Stamps 43 ct. 0.69
15 Ink powder & quills 12 ct. 1½ lb butter 38 ct. Envelopes 5 ct. 0.55
19 Turnips 18 ct. Stamps 6 ct. yeast 4 ct. Lemon 3 ct. Suds 5 ct. 0.36
23. Paid Silas Smith for a husk Mattress — 4.25
25 Nails 14 ct. Butter 1.07. Paid John A. Judd for Hair restorative (1/2 lb) 50 2.81.
27 Penmans billet-Wests for silk & pen 1.10.
28 Penimah 10 ct. Beans 5 ct. omitted 7 ct. — 0.22
June 2 Paid Irene her money of Samuel Edwards 8.20. 8.20
22.05
3. Rice 13 ct. Crackers 12 ct. Beans 5 ct. yeast 2. Boards 3 ct. 0.36
5 Dr. Cate. Medicine 20 ct. Reading Thermometer 3 ct. Stamps 30 ct 0.53
6 1 lb Butter 25 ct. Tallow 7 ct. Tea 11 ct. yeast 7 ct. Crackers 10 ct 0.60.
11 Beans 10 ct. Wife 25. Ink powder 10 ct. Stamps 3 ct. 0.48
15 Corn 8 ct. Paint 12 ct. Tea 13 ct. 10 lb Indian 22 ct. Stamps 10 ct 0.65
20 20 lb Graham meal 1.00. 4 lb Cracked Wheat 19 ct. yeast 6 ct. 1.25
20. Laura Bartlett making Pantaloons 92 ct. Book by Express from Mr Baker 40 ct 3.32
20 Chloe Lyman. 12 doz Eggs $2.00
23 Paid Irishman for work on drain 1.12 stamps 50 ct. 1.62
24 Paid Jewett for work 25. mortar 2 ct. Bridge & Ferry 19 ct. 0.46.
24 Paid sister Drusilla Johnson for 6 lb butter 20 ct. 1.20
25 Paid S. W. Lee for drain tile 1.39. 14 lb lead pipe 1.22 and work on drain & spout 1.06 — deduct 17 ct & rags 6 ct 3.38.
27 Paid Swift at Florence, shoemaker 1.00, Ink powder 10 ct 1.10
(75 ct for mending + 25 ct towards new pr.)
37.00
July 1. Paid Mr Jewett for 54½ quarts milk at 5 ct 2.72
1 Post Office bill for next quarter 58 ct. Beans 20 ct. 0.78
1 Wife 14 ct. Stamps 4 ct. Envelopes 5 ct. Stamps 30 ct — 0.53
1 Paid my Tax 4900 at 6¾ per 100. 33.08 — 34.83 and poll 1.75 out 1.74 short 33.09
1 Paid my district school house tax — 2.32
4 Paid Hoxie for 10 lb. 6 oz Butter to this date at 23 ct. 2.39
4 Paid Swift for calf skin & shoes $2. (25 ct paid before) 2.00
6. Lozenges 6 ct. Sharpening Razor 8 ct. Bolt 13 ct. 0.27
6 paid for Frances Taxes 27 ct (one paid) 0.27
81.37
Supra page 163 7 Left with Penimah $27.00. — 54.86
Took with me 47.86.
$135.23

Paid out {Carriage to N. H. Depot .50 ct. 3 passengers to Boston 10.05
Freight 3 Trunks to Boston 25 ct. 3 fares to Reading 1.05. These paid by Parkman}
Supra page 86 Paid 3 persons from Boston to Augusta 9.00.
Paid out 19.55. Gift for me & wife $12.95 & for Aretina 6.60.
Shirt 16 ct

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Letters Sent. [Continued from Vol. VII. page 519

May 4 One to Samuel G. Drake, Boston, about Poem of 1675.
5 one to P. M. Trowbridge, Esq. Woodbury, Con.
13 one to Wm B. Trask, Boston
8 to 15 Packet of 6 sheets, written for Mr Savage Boston, Sent May 15th
16. one to daughter Appleton, Augusta, Maine
June 6. one to Franklin M. Ford, Cummingtown.
13 one to Gen. G. F. Sedgwick, Sharon, Con.
15 to 17. 2½ sheets to James Savage Esq. at Lunenburg.
18 Short one to James Riker, Harlem N.Y.
20 Wrote to son J. Walker to order for B. & P. Railroad Dividend.
22 Wrote to sister Sarah Hooker, about monument for her husband and children.
27 To Miss Wetherill, Care of Mrs. I. Price Wetherill, N.E. Corner of 13th and Arch Streets, Philadelphia. About History of Hadley in reply.
29. To W. H. Whitmore, Boston.
27 to 30. To James Savage, Esq. Lunenburg. 2 sheets.
30 To sister Irene H. Matthews, Springfield. July 3 also 4 also
July 1. To sister Sarah Hooker of N. Ha. sent by Underhill.
3 To Hopkins, at N. York, with order for B. & P. Dividend Walker being absent.
6 to Franklin M. Ford, Cummingtown
9 Wrote to Peninnah from Augusta.
17 Wrote to editor of N. H. Courier from Augusta
31 Wrote to same Editor — — from Boothbay Harbor
31 Wrote to Peninnah from Boothbay Harbor
31 Wrote to Wife & children at Augusta from do.
Aug 5. Wrote to Peninnah from Boothbay Harbor.
5 Wrote to Editor of N. H. Courier, from do.
5 Wrote to Editor of N. E. Farmer from do.
8 Wrote to Peninnah from Augusta.
10 Wrote to C. Parkman, do.
17 Wrote to Pin & those at Augusta from Reading
20 Wrote to son J. Walker, at Saybrook, Conn.
21. Wrote to children at Augusta.
28. Wrote Henry R. Stiles, M.D. City of New York. Care of S. Stiles, No 1. Wall Street.
Sept. 5. Wrote to Samuel Edwards about money due to Irene.
16. Wrote to W. H. Whitmore of Boston in reply to his of July 16.
16 Wrote to Henry Jones, Bridgeport, Conn. in reply to his of July 16. He has been a minister.
17 Wrote to Darius Peck, Esq. Hudson N.Y. in reply to his of July 20
19 Wrote to James Savage Esq. Lunenburg.
25 Wrote to Sons J. W. & Hopkins. New York
26 wrote to son C. Parkman, Boston.
28 Wrote to Samuel Edwards about apple money.
Oct 3 wrote to Darius Peck, Esq. Hudson N.Y.
6 To sister Irene H. Matthews.
7 To James Savage Esq. 4 Sheets.
7 Do To Judge Perry, Lake Co. Ohio, with Genealogy.
To Son J. Walker, N. York

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May 1857.

Friday 1st.

May commences rather cool; there was frost this morning, and in two mornings past, and April was a cool month. Snow still remains to the north and west. Young people & children are out gathering flowers, or that is their object, but they find very few, except the Epigaea repens, called May Flower.

Vegetation

There has been but little progress in leaves and flowers for 8 or 10 days past. Grass has advanced more than leaves, yet much of grass land in the meadows and uplands is still brown. Pastures on the hills all appear brown. Trees and shrubs with some exceptions have a wintry aspect, but the swelling of buds has altered the hue of the forests a little.

Farrow Cows are driven to Westhampton pastures to-day. Some were out last week. They must live on the old grass chiefly, for there is very little of the new. They bring a great price. Mr Jewett sold one for 35 dollars, that will not make 600 lbs of beef — not much over 500 lbs. I judge.

Ploughing. There has been but little ploughing or sowing in the meadow or upland as yet. But little done in gardens.

Swallows have not appeared of any kind.
Striped Snakes & small Tortoises are seen.

Wild Flowers.

Liverleaf flowers are plenty; Venus Pride is pretty common
Cuckoo Pint blossoms are plenty at Fort Hill.
Epigaea repens is plenty, but not near the village
It is almost the only flower for May day.
Early Saxifrage is in flower, but I have not seen it.
Cowslips. I saw a few flowers to day gathered by a May day girl.
Abortive Crowfoot. I found one flower in an early spot.
Dandelion. I found one flower in Jewetts gulley S.W. of my garden. another in his lower garden May 2.
Dwarf mouse ear is very plenty.
Colicroot continues to blossom.
Blue Violets about gully in Jewetts lot.

Trees & Shrubs.

Elm Trees, have lost most of their brown scales, and the tops are less dense and less dark colored than they have been. They begin to show a very little greenish hue from the pedicels
English Elms are in blossom as well as the others. The inflorescence is darker colored.
White maples — not noticed
Red Maples are generally in blossom, and are reddish, but not red enough to make a show at a distance.
Sugar Maples. Many have buds much swelled; others have changed very little.
Horse Chestnuts. Early trees have buds much swelled and green at the end; most trees have only buds a little swelled.

May 1857.

Friday 1st.

Vegetation. Trees and Shrubs – continued.

Poplars, River. Male Trees have large reddish catkins 1½ inch long; not fully developed.

Great Teeth Poplars; some male trees have dangling catkins, ½ to 2½ inches long; others have stiff catkins not 2 inches long – Female trees have catkins, small, and not over 1½ inch long.

Silver Poplar – Mrs. Clark's has catkins ¾ to 1 inch long.

Yellow Birch has catkins 1¼ inch long.

Other Birches. Catkins just begin to elongate.

Elders have opening leaves – leaves long.

Spiraea salicifolia (meadow Sweet) has opening leaves. Some in gardens have open leaves.

Rubus. most of this genus as thimbleberries, raspberries, have open leaves, or opening leaves.

Gooseberry bushes & Siberian Spiraea } These are the most forward as to leaves, being quite green, and the latter has some leaves about 2 inches long.

Missouri or Yellow Currant is next as to foliage.

Trumpet Honeysuckle has long, reddish leaves, but they make but little show, being few.

Twin flower in Gardens has opening leaves, & is greenish.

Lilacs have opening buds, which are large and make considerable green. The leaves at the end of the most forward buds are purple, but the purple clusters of flower buds are not visible.

Syringas have opening leaves.

Common Currants. Mine have some open leaves, but in general only buds opening at the end or only greenish at the ends

Willow Weeping, has opening leaves, & some open. Trees are faintly green.

Yellow Willow has opening leaves around catkins. The trees have the winter yellow, which begins to be a little greenish –

Brook Willows & low Willows are full of catkins

Barberry bushes have opening leaves.

Smooth bark Wild Cherry is in leaf at Mansion House.

Garden Flowers.

Crocuses continue in fresh bloom.

Primulas – blossoms continue

Daffodils – yellow, mean flowers are out & have been some time, but most buds are not open.

Mezereon – continues in blossom, & has small leaves.

Hyacinths, common, are plenty at Brights; have been open 1 or 2 days.

Hyacinths, grape, are plenty at Jewetts – have been open 2 or 3 days.

Crown Imperial at Brights. Some buds are drooping.

Early Dwarf Tulips are in blossom at Brights.

Violets of several kinds are in blossom.

Tree & other Peonies at Shepards have grown 3 or 4 inches

Early Rhubarb in my garden has leaves 4 by 5 inches. Late Rhubarb has just begun to form leaves.

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Friday 1st — continued.

Shad were here from Saybrook yesterday at 50 cents for middling ones.
Alewives are for sale here — shaped just like a shad but quite small.
Fresh Halibut, cod fish, lobsters, &c are here for sale.

Flood. There has been no great flood on the meadows this spring. Some on the lower parts.

Worms Nests. I have not observed any.

Toads are not seen. Only two or three small ones appeared in digging my garden.

Butterflies. The large spring butterflies are seen about my garden and yard — a few.

Birds are rare and there is but little bird music. Perhaps the boys have killed them, and the weather has been too cold for those left.

Frog peeping is not lively nor loud. But little is heard from the river or mill pond south of my house. The water is high since Daniels new dam was built.

Bees are undoubtedly out on catkins, but I have not seen nor heard any, this spring.

The Season as to leaves and flowers is about 5 days later than last year; is later than any year for a long time.

May Day was a holiday for the children and the schools were dismissed. The streets were full of children, especially girls. For want of flowers, they gather evergreens, as laurel, ground pine, white pine, &c. One girl observed to me that they had a good time, if they did not get flowers. Paradise so called was full of children, & some adults. A May day in this climate is a sham.

Blue Birds, as I am told, have made nests & laid eggs.
Robins are making nests — perhaps some are made.
Chickens are hatched. Jewett has 2 or 3 broods.
Turkies are setting.

Saturday 2. A Rainy day.
Mr G. S. Smith here from Virginia — sent here by son J. W. He wanted information about Bay State Company. The Company seems not in a very prosperous state.

Sunday 3. First Springlike day this year.
Wife attended P. M. Sacrament — administered by Mr Hall. Wife has not attended meeting before since last fall. I wore overcoat all day, but might have done without it. Very few overcoats then. Many fans in motion.

May 1857

Monday 4.

A rainy day. The repeated rains have raised the Connecticut, and there may be a flood on the meadows.

Tuesday 5.

Heavy Rain A.M. and cloudy P.M. Clear in night.

Wednesday 6 **Vegetation.**

Another springlike day. A few moderate days with much rain have started leaves and flowers; and the birds and frogs are more noisy.

Elms have lost much of the density of their tops, and the dark color. Make trees show fewer than they did, are very faintly greenish — The show they have made for weeks past is chiefly owing to the brown scales which are now gone, & are abundant on the ground. Leaf buds show themselves.

Red Maples — continue in blossom, and a little reddish. many blossoms have fallen — probably male ones.

Sugar Maples. Some trees have put forth an abundance of green flower buds; many are only visible, and others begin to droop or hang down. None are developed. These opening flower buds & others make the tops of trees look dense in a measure, & a little greenish close by — Some trees have flower buds or blossoms on pedicils an inch long, and are considerably green. There will be a great blow this I think

Willows, Mourning } are the most conspicuous trees
and yellow } in the village for spring greenness.
The yellow willows have a yellowish green.

Green Shrubs are Siberian Spiraea, Gooseberry, Missouri Currant, Twin flower, Lilac, &c

Lilac bushes show purple or blue clusters of flower buds an inch in length.

Opening leaves and open ones are on currants, Syringas, some rose bushes & other shrubs.

Horse Chestnuts. Early Trees have shot branches of leaves beyond the envelope, & they begin to open & spread. many trees have only swelled buds.

Mountain Ash is as forward as Horse Chestnut, and the tree on old Hinckley place is in leaf.

Crab Apple trees have open leaves & are greenish.

Flowering Apple are about as forward as Crabs.

Common Apple Trees. Some exhibit opening buds, containing leaves, & leaves with flower buds.

Pears show large opening buds of leaves & flowers.

Cherry, English have buds opening of leaves & flower buds. More advanced than apples & pears.

May 1857.

Wednesday 6 — continued. Vegetation.

Flowers. But few new ones observed.

Hyacinths, Crocuses, Primulas, Grape Hyacinths
Yellow daffodils (Dwarf Tulips at Bright's), Violets, continue; and
Crown Imperial is in blossom (2 blossoms) at Bright's
Periwinkle is in blossom at Mrs Stoddards.
Mezereon — continues in blossom.
Dandelions are much more plenty, in blossom.
The leaves have been gathered for Greens some weeks
Five Finger is in blossom on Mr Jewett's lot. I noticed
one flower May 3.
Currants begin to blossom May 7. in my garden. One
or two blossoms noticed May 6.
Peach buds on my young trees are plump, and red at the
end, & will soon be open. My old trees are cut down.
Apricot Tree at Dr Hopkins's has 20 blossoms May 7. Probably began to
Moss Pink has flowers at Dr Hopkins May 10. [illegible]

The Flood. The rains have caused a pretty
extensive flood on the meadows. At 10 o'clock
A.M. to day, the water was only 24 to 27 inches
below the top of the stone abutments of the
rail road bridge; and was pretty deep in
Anne Clarke's lot, but did not come into her
cellar. Farming business in the meadows
is at an end for the present. P.S. I think the
water did not rise much if any after I saw it.

Birds &c.

Barn Swallows came yesterday, but I did
not hear them till to day. They are in Jewett's
barn.
Martins, I heard to-day.
Chimney Swallows have not appeared [Came May 10
Brown Thrush utters his notes to day.
The whistling Bird was heard May 2 & since.
Birds & Frogs make much more noise in
warm days & nights. Frogs peep & trill
Black Ants appear — about the sugar.
Flies are rare. Now & then one on the windows.
Millers, & small Butterflies of different colors are seen in lots.
"Richeter richeter" bird is heard in Paradise. May 7.
Wood birds are heard in Paradise, one or two, besides richeter.
Musquashes. I saw two in the mill pond, near Paradise
road, some days ago.
Bumblebee. I saw one May 7.
Many birds about Fort Hill. May 7.
Large striped Snake seen to Day in Paradise road.
Bees are attracted by many kinds of catkins & flowers.
in a warm, pleasant day.

The Season is 6 days behind last year, or thereabouts,
and last year was a very late season. Vegetation
has not been later, I think, at this date, since I have
recorded the seasons, than it now is.

Thursday 7. Progress of Vegetation—continued.

By River Road in Paradise, &c

Liverleaf blossoms are very abundant. Some are entirely white, but most are blue—some shade of pale blue generally.

Venus's Pride, or Innocence, has become very plenty. [I see some of it in mowings.

Wood Anemone (A. nemorosa) has a few flowers, near upper part of the road, not in lower part. There will be many.

Adder Tongue—has but few flowers by this road. much later than at Fort Hill.

Strawberry, wild. A few blossoms by bank of river, and in Jewett's lot near the gully. [Garden S. are in blossom

Blue Violets plenty in spots, on bank of river. Also some blue & some white by Jewett's gully.

Shad Bushes are full of buds that are red at the ends. will soon be in blossom. [Began to blossom May 9.

Dandelions are on river bank. Not plenty yet in flower.

mouse Ear—Life Everlasting—(Antennaria plantaginifolia) This has long been plenty on barren, exhausted lands. Stems are 4, 5 & 6 inches high. The blossoms seem to attract bees & other insects.

Barberry bushes are in leaf and green.

Spiraea salicifolia. Many of these are in leaf & green. Some not in leaf. An abundant plant in abt land in Paradise.

Alder. Small ones have opening leaves, & some open.

Briers, or all bushes of rubus genus have leaves, and many are greenish.

Grasses.

The frequent rains have made the hills & valleys green, where there is any virtue in the soil. But grass in mowings & pastures is short as yet, except in warm, rich spots.

Anthoxanthum Odoratum, or Vernal grass shows panicles, a few, by paradise road near the river.

Poa annua has disclosed panicles for a month; as it always does soon after snow is gone

Early Carex, noticed many times before, is out abundantly in or near woods at Fort Hill—has spikes and anthers. These attract bees.

Poa Pratensis showed part of some panicles close by stone wall N.E. of my house, May 11. There is none elsewhere

Horse Tail (Equisetum arvense.

The fertile stems with a spike at the top have been from 2 to 6 or 8 inches high for some days. The sterile green stems have since come up & are 3 or 4 inches high & some higher. Are on Rail-road, & May 11 side of Jewett's gully, & elsewhere.

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Thursday 7. Vegetation, &c. continued.

The Dike. I walked down the dike or embankment this afternoon from the end of South street bridge to the rail road bridge or a little below; thence down the rail road as far as it is apart of the dike or enclosure; thence across on the new dike from the rail road to Fort Hills. During the present flood it has kept out the water generally, but in two or three places, the water has come in under the bank, but not extensively. The bank was built late in the season, last year and is not well consolidated.

The Flood has fallen since yesterday noon 1½ or 2 feet. It still covers almost all of South Meadow, and much of the North meadow. Many manure heaps are seen partially covered with water. I saw one boat & gun, and judged there was some Musquash hunting.

The Forests on Tom & Holyoke, seen from Fort Hill. There is nothing green but the evergreens on these mountains. The deciduous trees, or chestnut and oak, have various hues, as seen in sunshine or in a cloudy day, and according as they stand thick or thin, or be more or less advanced. There is the grey, mixed color of winter; a leaden hue, and a slightly purplish hue, & other shades. Oaks are more changed, or buds more swelled than chestnuts.

Fort Hill. No tree on this hill is green — no tree has open leaves.

Red maples are red; some have red pedicils an inch long or more.

Sugar maples are beginning to be greenish with blossoms.

Yellow Birch. Some trees have loose, dangling catkins, 2 inches long; others have hard, stiff catkins 1¼ and 1½ inch long.

White Birch, ovate leaf; Only one tree there; & this has leaf buds beginning to open.

Great-teeth Poplar has catkins (female) two inches long, greenish, swinging.

Beech buds are 1 to 1¼ inch long — are elongating

Flowers. Dutchmans Breeches are very abundant, & also Bloodroot & Adders Tongue; & Early Saxifrage flowers. These plants have increased since I first observed them 10 or 12 years ago

Dwarf Iris at Singmasters (late Hosts) is in blossom, and much more at Hopkins's in King Street.

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Thursday 7. Vegetation &c.

Wests place, or old Whitmarsh place, is sold to a Mr. Singmaster, a German perhaps, and he is laying out thousands of dollars on the buildings and place.

Poplar Trees.

River Poplar. Male Trees, in old Tanyard, have catkins 2 to 3 inches long, loose & dangling, & have begun to wither. Bees are humming about them.

Same species – Female tree, large, below South street bridge, has green catkins 2 to 3 inches long.

Great Teeth Poplar. Male Trees above Damons, still have catkins 2 to 3 inches long, brown, & withering.

Same species.. Female Trees have slender green catkins 2 to 2½ inches long, above Damon's mill. Same as at Fort Hill

White Poplar. Some trees have greenish catkins 2 inches long. Whether fertile or barren trees, I do not know.

Silver Poplar Tree at Mrs. Clark's has greenish catkins from 1 to 1½ inch long – do not swing.

No leaves appear on any species of poplar.

Elms. The great change from heavy, dense tops to light open tops (almost as in winter,) I never noticed before so distinctly. The early show is mostly from the reddish brown scales, which have fallen. I think many flowers have fallen. Those that remain have green pedicils, withered brown cups or calyx, and have small green seeds begun, flat. Yet the trees are very faintly green – far more brown than green. Leaf buds ½ inch longer or more are greenish. The flowers do constantly falling. I am confident. Only a small part mature their seeds

English Elms have become more than open, like the other species.

Friday 8.

Tulip Trees. Those of Mr Jewett near my house, have shot for the one small leaf from the side of the bud. Some trees, more forward, show two leaves on some buds. Here I find but 2 leaves to a bud on Talbot's tree.

Sugar Maples attract. Some trees show millions of blossoms of a yellowish green on thread like pedicels from 1 to 2 inches long. The stamens and style are visible. Some trees are already yellowish-green; some are green, and some have only buds. Every bunch of flowers has small leaves at its base but they make little or no show yet. They attract bees.

Weeping and yellow Willow catkins attract bees and other insects.

Hackmatacks have pencils of leaves & have had some time. Not over 3/8 or ½ inch long. They are full of little bunches, reddish, greenish, brownish, which belong to the flowering of the trees. Many little combs of last year remain on the trees – Scotch Larches are more advanced and greener.

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Saturday 9th. The Season.

Warmest day this year, and not very warm. Therm 72°
Thermometer has not been above 70° this Spring until to-day. Leaves & flowers advance faster than they have.

Fruit Trees, &c

Apricots. Trees at Dr. Hopkins's and at Mr Sibsbee's are all white with blossoms. Doubtless others are so, or some are.

Peaches. I saw flower buds almost open on Bridge Street, & some on one of my small trees will be open tomorrow, or in a few days. [They remained half open on my little tree & some of Mr Jewett's till May 13. then a few open

Eng. Cherries. The tree near Mr Wells's house in King Street has several blossoms. I always expect the first blossoms on this tree, but these are some trees beyond South Street bridge about as early. 10th Wm Clark's tree had blossoms. 18th blossoms on many trees.

Gooseberries & Com. Currant] Currants began to blossom May 6 and Gooseberries earlier

Missouri Currant — began to blossom yesterday in warm exposures, many blossoms to-day.

[Barren Plum at Hopkins's had blossoms May 11. & was white with buds

Japan Quince has red buds & green leaves
Common Quince has opening leaves.

Crab apple trees are quite green.

Com. Apple Trees. Some are becoming greenish with leaves & flower buds. In the meadow, some are greenish & some not. Not quite so green as the Elm Trees in the meadow, but somewhat similar. Trees are more forward in the meadow than in Elm Street.

Shad Bushes at mansion House have many blossoms.

Other Trees.

Horse Chestnuts in the village. Some have open leaves, considerably spread, & some green with cones of flower buds. Some have only swelled buds.

Mountain Ashes are about as forward as Horse Chestnuts.

Butternut Trees. The leaves are opening generally

Ash Trees. Almost all have a great abundance of black buttons, which are now small & appear globular

Wild Cherry Trees. The smooth bark are green with leaves; & the rough bark have open leaves but not so forward as the others.

Red Maples. Those with female flowers now have long pedicels, and are becoming more & more red. Those with male flowers chiefly, grow less red as the flowers fall.

Sugar maples. Some trees that have few or no flowers are green with leaves; & leaves are becoming more prominent on flowering trees.

Saturday 9. The Season, &c. Hadley, &c

I walked over to Hadley P.M. to see Major Sylvester Smith. Went as far the Saw & Grist mill on Fort River, & to the top of the hill beyond the river. Went about 4 miles, I think, making 8, but rode about a mile; so walked about 7 miles.

Vegetation in Hadley is in about the same state as in Northampton, as to foliage. The soil of the village is heavier & more wet than ours, and gardens have not had much done in them. many of ours are in this state.

Hadley Meadow. The farmers are gathering & burning broom corn stalks, carrying out manure & ploughing. Considerable ploughing has been done, and oats are sowed and are up.

Northampton meadow exhibits nearly the same farming operations (upper meadow) but more of the land is wet than at Hadley, and less of it is ploughed, I think. I believe I saw two men planting corn, or making places to plant potatoes.

The Flood. I judge, has fallen about 4 feet, or possibly 5 feet. The Connecticut is quite high & it was necessary to boat on the Hadley side of the bridge several days. Now carriages and footmen can pass without getting into water, but not without mud.

The flood has worn away the bank below and above the bridge; also in the Rainbows on the Northampton side, and on the Hadley side at Fort meadow and above, as I judge from appearances.

The Mountains & Forests. The deciduous woods on Holyoke are, in the bright sun, of a leaden and dark purplish color. No green visible, but on the borders are seen a few yellowish maples; and a few light colored tops are seen — perhaps poplar catkins.

Pelham Hills are but slightly green; much brown appears. Also on western Hills.

Logs at Sawmill in Hadley were mostly chestnut. many yellow & a few white pine. many Oaks of 3 or 4 sorts. A few maple. Major S. Smith's mills

Birds, &c in Northampton.

The brown Thrush gives us constant music.
The Bobolink is heard by Parsimah. I did not hear it till may 10. Rather early for so cold a season.
The Wren was very noisy May 10 — perhaps here May 9.
The Chimney Swallow first appeared Sunday, May 10, 5 days after barn swallows. On the 11th they were by hundreds or thousands.
Oriole heard May 17 — and perhaps before.

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Sunday 10.

I attended meeting A.M. & wife went P.M. Mr. Winslow who has been a missinary in India over 30 years, preached both parts of day. Another rather warm day. Frances & Kate here after meeting, and Mr Birge in the evening.

Monday 11.

Coldest day this month of May. Yesterday was the warmest

Tuesday 12

Not quite so cold, but vegetation is checked. Peach blossoms half open on Sunday are not yet open. Allen Ormsby came here P.M. — brot Walkers boarders [He left us on Friday May 15.

Wednesday 13.

Considerable frost this morning. Vegetation makes very slow progress. — P.M. I attended the funeral of widow Lydia Bartlett, who died at the age of 95 May . Her husband was Phineas Bartlett of Westhampton.

Thursday 14.

Warmer. Vegetation makes some progress. Sister Sarah was here at dinner to day.

Gardening

My garden was made April 24 & 25. and Peas, Lettuce, Parsnips & Beets sowed. (See Vol VII p 576

VII. 576. To day I planted & sowed corn; bush and pole beans; winter & summer squashes; cantelope melons & cucumbers, tomatoes (though the garden is full of those that came up from seed that sowed itself). Sowed more parsnips and some lettuce.

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Sowed several bushels of ashes on the garden, on almost all parts of it. May 16.

[Came May 31.

May 25. Replanted Lima beans & Summer Squash. Nothing planted May 14 has come up. A few Sum. Squash up May 25

May 26 Cucumbers came up. 27th. Cantelopes came up in 13 days

May 27 Winter Squashes & corn came up, in 13 days.

May 28. Planted over all pole & bush beans. A few beans began to show themselves May 29 after vine planted 15 days

May 28 Some Tomatoes came up. Ingenhal none up that I sowed.

June 1. Planted more corn. Sowed some parsnips & beets and bush beans.

4 Planted Lima beans the 4th time — now planted early Limas.

8 Planted more corn. Replanted some 12th.

11 Transplanted Tomatoes, and a few cabbages.

16 Planted some corn 1st time & some 2d time & some 3 time

Rhubarb. Pin made two Rhubarb pies two or three days ago, on May 12.

Asparagus. Wife cut some last week. We never but little. It has been for sale at Kingsleys.

Thursday 14

Blossoms.

Apricots are in full bloom & some a little past. Blossoms are falling.

English Cherry. most of trees have blossoms and some trees are becoming white, though none are yet in full bloom

Common & currant, Missouri Currant & Gooseberry, continue in blossom.

Peach Blossoms are yet rare. I see a number on small trees back of Jewetts barn, by my garden gate, and at Justin Smiths. all these exhibited full blossoms yesterday, & half blossoms two or three days before. No Early trees have blossoms.

Crab Apples show buds red at the end.

Quince bushes have open leaves, but no flower buds are visible.

Japan Quince has a few flaming blossoms — has just begun to blossom on lower limbs, near the ground.

Shadbush is in full blossom, or some are.

Smooth bark Wild Cherry has a few blossoms at the mansion House

Whortles, low bushes, on Round Hill have blossoms May 15.

Celandine has blossoms by the stone wall near my house. 14th

Veronica Serpyllifolia is in blossom near stone wall.

Tulips, pretty large, (probably not the tall ones) are in blossom at Brights.

Moss Pink is very gay, but not half the buds are open.

Snow Flake is in blossom at Brights (Leucojum vernum). may have been out a day or two.

Dandelions are very plenty but will be more so.

Barren Plum at Hopkins's, King Street, is very white, with blossoms & some buds. also many trees in Mr Halls garden

Daffodils. The common yellow have long been plenty.

Narcissus or Daffodil with 6 white petals and a very small cup, have been open a day or two.

Erigeron N.A. or Roberts Plantain has open buds without rays, and a single one with rays, that is, one flower — on Jewetts Side Hill near gully.

Five Finger blossoms are plenty at some places

Plum Trees. Mrs. Clarks has been in blossom 2 or 3 days. Some others have just begun to blossom. In general not begun.

Vegetation is not more than 2 days behind last year. Hardly so much.

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Friday 15 Progress of Vegetation.

Greenness &c

Elms. Some have very little green; many are greenish from seeds and leaves, but most are but faintly green; some are considerably green.
See below

Apple Trees are very nearly like elms as to greenness in uplands and meadows. Perhaps have less green. A large portion of trees are greenish, but some are not at all green, as seen at a little distance. Buds are abundant, & a few show red ends. all buds have leaves around them.

Silver Poplar at Mrs. Clarks. The catkins are mostly fallen, and the ground is prettily with them. Some remain on the tree; there are small leaves.

Sugar Maples become more & more green and yellowish-green, and at a distance and not very far, they resemble the willows, the yellowish trees being quite as yellow as the yellow willows; and the greener trees resemble the weeping willows. The maples now make a great show and the blossoms hang down on long pedicels by millions, giving every part of the tree a beautiful fringe. They are generally yellowish but some trees have green blossoms. These trees have leaves, but they are much less conspicuous than the flowers. Some trees have no flowers and some very few; and a few trees are green with leaves only, and a few have only opening buds or small leaves.

I find by further comparison, that the sugar maple flowers make the trees much more yellow than any willow trees.

Horse Chestnut. many are quite green, & have cones of flower buds. / mountain ash about as green.

Elms again (See above) Many trees have no leaves but only leaf buds, & have no seeds. These are quite bare, and very faintly greenish. Scarcely an Elm tree has so heavy a top as it had three weeks ago, though some have small leaves, & some have leaves & seeds.

Saturday 16.

Chestnuts on Round Hill. Some small sprouts and the lower limbs of several trees have leaves 3/4 of an inch long. / In general chestnut trees have no leaves.

Oaks. Some trees, not red oaks, have opening buds of leaves & catkins; some very small leaves visible. Most trees have only swelled buds.

Red Oaks. I did not observe. They undoubtedly have open leaves at Fort Hill.

White Oaks have no leaves yet.

Magnolia grandiflora on Round Hill has buds 2 to 3 inches long which begin to open. P.S. Leaves 4 and 4½ inches long May 25

Saturday 16 — continued. Rainy & cool.

Prospect from Round Hill.

Sugar maples of a yellowish color meet the eye in every direction; and with the willows make the most of the green or greenish colors that are seen, including yellowish green.

Red maples show themselves in various directions but are less conspicuous than the sugar maples.

The Mountains disclose sugar maples at the base, and rarely one higher up. A few trees with light colored tops or greenish tops are seen. At this distance, I could not determine with certainty that the white birches on the higher parts of the mountains, are in leaf. The green leaves if visible are faintly green. I think that they are not generally in leaf yet. The oaks are not greenish as yet, nor other trees.

Trees in Hadley Street showed much of the yellowish green of the sugar maple. Elms in Hadley Street & meadows and in our meadows appear more reddish brown than green so far off. Also apple trees. Nearby they are greenish generally, both Elm & Apple trees. Perhaps the cloudy weather & rain altered the hue.

Blossoms &c

Large peach trees are backward & show few blossoms. Perhaps injured by the winter. Small trees generally are in blossom, but come forward slowly.

Pears show no blossoms & Apples none.

Flowering Cherry at Round Hill has blossoms.

Old Sour cherry has no blossoms.

Crowfoot Geranium has blossoms on Round Hill

Low Huckleberries on Round Hill have blossoms

Abortive Crowfoot has plenty of mean blossoms.

Yellow Birches have graceful, dangling catkins that are from 2 to 4 inches long.

My blue plums begin to blossom.

Sugar maples. The row by the street N.W. of my house are of a yellowish green, except the first tree is more green, having larger green leaves, and the flowers are more green. The trees S.E. of the house are yellowish, though they have small leaves.

The trees & shrubs in the valley South of my house generally have small leaves or large buds, yet the general hue has but a faint greenness, and is more reddish brown than any thing else, like the trees in the valley as seen from Round Hill in the Connecticut valley. The numerous branches and twigs not yet covered by leaves, obscure the green or mingle with it, and give a reddish brown hue. It is so with the trees on the mountains, Round Hill, &c.

Red maples. Those which have lost the flowers or some are full of small leaves. Some leaves appear with the red flowers.

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Sunday 17.

It rained A.M. and I staid at home. In the afternoon I attended meeting. Mr Seeley of Springfield preached, having exchanged with Mr. Hall. His sermon on "What is your life?" was rather learned, & was not uninteresting to me, but had perhaps not enough of what some people call religion.

Monday 18.

Tuesday 19.

Wednesday 20

Thursday 21. Sister Irene came P.M.

It has rained every day for seven days previous to to-day, but no very heavy showers. The cloudy, rainy, cool and often windy, weather, retards vegetation and makes the season backward. People say there never was such a cold, backward May, but they forget. Such Mays are rare however. Grass looks green on the hills and in the valleys, but the leafing and flowering of trees & shrubs advances very slowly. There is not much greenness in forests, nor elsewhere, except the willows & maples, and exotic shrubs. Many trees are faintly greenish.

Peach trees began to blossom a week ago, but I have seen no tree in full blossom, & large trees in general have not begun to blossom.

Great complaints from the west all the way to Kansas, & from every other direction, of the late season, the want of food for cattle, &c. Winter grain has been much injured in several states and the spring has been unfavorable for sowing spring grain in many places.

Friday 22

After 8 days of cloudy, rainy, windy weather, and cool weather nearly all the month thus far, we have again a pleasant Spring day: Therm. 72° People seem rejoiced to see & feel the sun, and vegetation starts again after having been almost stationary for some time.

The Humming Bird was first seen yesterday about my peach blossoms. King Birds appeared to-day.
The peik of the night-hawk was heard yesterday.

Worms Nests. I have not seen one this season on apple trees or wild cherry trees.

Several Chimney Swallows have been found dead. It is too cold for them & perhaps insects on which they feed are si...

Yellow Butterflies have come.

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Saturday 23. Flowers.

Apricot blossoms have all fallen.

Currant blossoms nearly all remain. Some begin to wither, & a few small currants are seen.

English Cherry. The earliest trees are in full blossom or a little opened. Blossoms begin to fall. many trees are in full blossom, and some not so far advanced.

Old sour Cherry was not in blossom till to day; and but few appear as yet. One my little trees has 6 or 8 blossoms.

Crab Apple — 2 or 3 trees began to blossom to day.

Peach Blossoms. many small trees are in full blossom or near it, including my earliest tree. Larger trees begin to blossom — had a few blossoms days ago. Large trees are more injured by the winter than small ones: yet some blossom profusely.

Gooseberry, like the currant, continues in blossom.

Plum trees. Some are near full blossom; but most are not so forward — are in various stages of blossoming. My blue plum is in blossom.

Barren Plum. Blossoms continue on Mitchell's trees. All without on Hopkins

Pear Trees. I noticed a very few blossoms, nearly open May 21. Many were out yesterday, and more to day my tree has a few blossoms.

p. 164 A.M. Apple Trees. A tree in the valley or dingle South of my house, among the brush, has a few blossoms to day. In morning I noticed this tree many years ago as being one of the earliest. Other trees show red buds — some will open in 1 or 2 days.

P.M. A warm day & a few blossoms out on a tree at Hutchins, at Hibbens, at Perry Beeks, at H. K. Wrights — & doubtless on other trees.

Quince Trees. I do not yet find any flower buds nor any signs of such buds.

Wild Cherry at Adams on House is full of blossoms. Began yesterday.

Japan Quince is a burning bush, but not quite in full blossom.

Garden Flowers have not increased much

Snow Flakes are plenty.

Moss pink makes a fine show

Tall Tulips. I notice a few at Brights in blossom, but none elsewhere. Many lower ones at Brights.

Dandelions continue to increase. The innumerable plants gathered for greens seem not to diminish the number of blossoms. Some blossoms have withered & perished, but no seed heads appear. No white cap yet.

Venus Pride seems to increase.

Dentaria diphylla (Pepper-Root) is in blossom on Round Hill

Wood Anemone. Blossoms very plenty on Round Hill

Veronica Serpyllifolia. This modest little flower is very plenty among the grass by road-sides.

Bulbous Crow foot — 20 blossoms appear in Tabor, morning.

Barbarea or Winter Cress begins to blossom below my garden.

The season is certainly 8 days later than last year, or was this forenoon. much advance in the course of this warm day.

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Saturday 23 – continued.

Trees.

Sugar Maples – have shed many flowers, & the rest have turned greenish. This change & the green leaves make the trees much greener than they were. They make more show of green in the village than all other trees. Some are a little yellowish yet, or very pale green. A few trees have reddish brown leaves. Bees continue to hum about the blossoms.

Red maples – are much behind the sugar maple in leafing. They have small leaves, and are greenish, or some are. Some trees are more reddish than green from the seeds and seed stalks, or have a mixture of green and red; and some are reddish without much green. Many of the leaves are reddish green or reddish brown. On the whole, the trees shew more reddish and brownish than greenish. Leaves small as yet.

Elms have lost a large portion of their blighted seeds. On Elm Street they have generally small leaves and opening buds, and are faintly greenish. Some trees however have no leaves and are not greenish. In the lower part of the village and in the meadows they are a little more advanced and are greenish generally. But the tops of most trees were more dense 3 or 4 weeks ago than now.

English Linden Trees have opening buds and small leaves.

American Bass Trees have opening buds and more and larger leaves than the Linden trees. Are like the linden but a little more forward.

Pignut Trees on Round Hill have opening buds, and some leaves and catkins are visible.

Red Oaks, east of Round Hill house, has leaves two inches long and 1½ inch. Red oaks are the most advanced of any species of oak.

Scarlet Oaks on Round Hill have opening and open bunches of leaves and catkins. Leaves are small yet. Some Trees have no leaves yet.

White Oaks have swelled buds but no open leaves as yet on round hill. There will be leaves as big as a mouse's ear in a day or two or three.

Peck's English Oak is full of small leaves & catkins.

Bright's English Oaks – some have small leaves and some have no leaves.

Chestnuts on Round Hill. The smaller trees or staddles have leaves from bottom to top in general from ¾ to 1¼ inches in length. A few trees have no leaves. Large Trees are in three states – many have no leaves; some have leaves on the lower limbs only; and some have leaves all the way to the top. Leaves make no show – Do not make the trees green or greenish.

Deciduous Forests are not green nor greenish, yet the hue is changed.

Saturday 23 — continued.

Trees & Shrubs.

Smoke Trees have opening buds — no leaves.

Flowering Dogwood. Involucre has grown some, but is yet small, & is green & reddish-brown.

Ash Trees. The trees that had no black bunches show small leaves. The bunches on some trees remain black; on others they have expanded into green stems & branches an inch or two long, with purple ends. These seem to belong to the inflorescence. Above them are some leaves on some trees.

Butternut Trees have an abundance of small leaves and catkins 1½ to 2 inches in length.

Sassafras Tree at Mansion House is not yet in blossom.

Alternate-leaved Dogwood } Both of these show clusters of flower
Viburnum lentago } buds — are green with leaves.

Button Ball Trees have swelled buds — a few begin to open.

Common Locust Trees have opening buds & some small leaves.

Black Birches on Round Hill have leaves, and swinging catkins 1½ to 2 inches long.

Deltoid White Birches on Round Hill have leaves and elongated catkins.

Birch Trees in the birch region on Tom and Holyoke are now distinctly green, as seen from this village.

Grass.

Grass is every where green and fresh. Cows do not go in the roads this year, the town having voted to the contrary.

Vernal grass shows its spikes abundantly in some mowings. Whitish or silvery-like filaments are attached to most of the spikes. This grass makes brown and reddish brown spots in mowings. These hues come from the spikes and from the filaments.

Poa pratensis. I find panicles of this grass by the side of the wall that is before my house, and near some hoosics, but in general they do not appear. I observe no panicles in mowings.

Dandelions, Venus Pride & blue Violets variegate the mowings. Buttercups just begin to add to the yellow. The heads of the Vernal grass and the common green of most grasses add to the variety. Dandelions make trees yellowish.

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Saturday 23d. continued.

New York Tribune of this morning says "Vegetation is three weeks behind hand all over the Union, and farm work is signally backward." [A little exaggeration in the three weeks.] In latitude of New York, many have scarcely begun planting. Millions of acres are not yet plowed, because the soil has been constantly soaked with water since the frost left it. — Yesterday, May 22, according to the Tribune, was the first warm, blaine, day of the season, in New York.

Sunday 24.

I attended meeting A.M. and P.M. Mr Hall preached two good sermons. Wife attended P.M. Aunt Hone went with Peninnah to Unitarian meeting. A.M. — A warm, pleasant day.

Monday 25. Blossoms

This is the fourth warm, growing day. Leaves and flowers and herbs advance rapidly. Good time for farmers — for ploughing, planting, &c. but rather late.

Eng. Cherry Trees, retain many blossoms, but many have fallen A few passed full blossom.

Old Sour Cherry Trees, are very near full blossom.

Plum Trees. Many are in full blossom & very white. Some not yet full, & some passed the full.

Pear Trees make a fine show. Some are in full blossom but in general not quite full.

Peach Blossoms may be seen in every direction by close examination; they are generally on small trees, and not showy. many trees are in full blossom and some have shed their blossoms, as my earliest tree.

Larger Trees — some are pretty full of blossoms and others have a few blossoms, & others have none. These larger, or older trees, will put forth more blossoms, & some will.

Crab Apple Trees are very White & showy with blossoms but may not be full.

Com. Apple Trees began to blossom May 23, and a few blossoms appeared on several trees, in different parts of the village. yesterday, 24th, many trees exhibited a few blossoms — hundreds & doubtless. To day perhaps hundreds more are added to the number; yet with few exceptions, they are not white enough to make a show — are not noticed at a distance. A few trees however are considerably white and many are growing white. As yet, however, other fruit trees make much more show than apple trees. It will soon be different — perhaps tomorrow.

May 26. Some trees are very white; others mingled white & green. First tree mentioned in Valley is in full bloom.

Flowering Apple at Talbots begins to blossom — blossoms faint.

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Monday 25 — cont. Blossoms & Leaves.

White Oaks on Round Hill have leaves as large as a mouse's ear, or some have, and a few had yesterday. Some trees have only swelled buds. Some leaves are nearly an inch in length — reddish & hairy. White Oak "mouse ear" leaves still correspond with apple blossoming, as in past years, & both point out the true corn-planting time.

Scarlet Oaks on the Hill — some have leaves from 1/4 to 1/2 inch in length.

Chestnuts on Round Hill all have leaves, varying from 3/4 inch to 2 inches. A number large trees however have leaves only on the lower limbs — none on the top & upper limbs

Round Hill, sun from Elm Street is faintly green, that is, the trees are faintly green, but the tops are less green than the middle & lower parts.

Greenness from faint or pale to vivid green, is now seen on almost all trees & shrubs in the village and around it. Red maples not much green.

Sumac has small leaves

Gleditschia Locust has small leaves, & many leaflets

Ailanthus has no leaves yet.

Clammy Locust had no leaves A.M.

Catalpa has no leaves.

Some peach trees that are alive are without leaves. Many trees are half-dead.

Syrian Hibiscus is without leaves.

Dwarf Locust in Jewett's Garden has opening leaves

Mulberry —

Magnolia glauca at Talbot's has leaf buds not open.

Flowering dogwood has small leaves & small involucres.

Flowering Cherry on Round Hill is about full blossom. Blossoms resemble small white roses.

Sassafras at Mansion, and Round Hill, is in blossom, and was yesterday.

Flowering Almond began to blossom yesterday.

Tulips, common, began to blossom yesterday in Jewett's garden, in Peninnah's bed, & elsewhere.

Lily of the Valley. Peninnahs began to blossom to-day.

Trientalis is in blossom in Round Hill woods

Bellwort (Uvularia sessilifolia) is in flower on Round Hill, and has been several days.

Two leaved Solomon's Seal is abundant on Round Hill as yet has no flowers but racemes of buds

Lilacs, purple, at Mansion house, have open blossoms P.M. White on Round Hill have blossoms

Double Buttercups are in blossom (Miss Jewett).

Fringed Polygala is in blossom in Paradise & elsewhere.

The season is still 6 or 7 days behind last years.

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Tuesday 26. 5th warm day

Live Things.

Woodbirds are very musical in Round Hill Woods They and the more familiar birds are constantly heard in the valley south of my house and in other places around.

Orioles. Their soft notes are heard at all times of day about my house, & in the elms on the Street. They build nests in Mr Jewett's Elms.

Catbirds, I have not seen or heard till this morning.

Musketoes — were in the house last evening, and about my bed this morning. Rather early.

Flies. There are more about our windows.

Toads. None are seen in the garden; or are very rare.

Yellow Butterflies are common.

"Its-mit-a-speeie". The bird that makes these sounds has come. The Indigo bird. I think I hear his notes.

Yellow Bird with black wings has been here some time.

Shad are now caught plentifully at S. Hadley Falls. Began 25th, these & those from Saybrook retail at from 25 to 37½ cents I gave 33 cents for one that weighed 3 pounds & a half.

Beetle first struck against the window on evening of May 29

Cut Worms were in my garden May 29 & 30, & probably earlier

I walked out to Florence and back A.M. to get shoes mended.

Forests of Chestnuts, Oaks, &c. beyond Florence are greenish but the green is dirty, or faint. The greeny tebacco is mingled, & partly hidden by the brown branches & twigs. Woods nearly all Chestnut are greenish.

Shadbush blossoms have fallen and Smooth-bark Cherry now shows its white blossoms very abundantly. This cherry succeeds the shadbush. Rough bark Cherry is not in blossom, but shows racemes of flower buds.

The timber is fast falling, and in fact, almost all fallen, between here and Florence. There are no proper woods by the side of the road. The same process is going on in every direction far or near.

Rye on this plain shows full heads & some inches of stem above upper leaf

Wednesday 27 6th warm day.

Satin Pod or Honesty began to blossom yesterday (Miss Lewis)

Perennial Verbena began to blossom yesterday (Mrs Lewis)

My Isabella Grapes have leaves as big as a quarter dollar

My Native Grapes have smaller leaves

Tulips are in their glory. Will make no great display but will remain some time.

Iris or Flower de luce. Two blossoms at Mrs Isaac Clarks

Lilac blossoms, white & purple, are considerably out — not full

Twin Flower begins to blossom at Geo. Shepards — not begun elsewhere. Some stragglers 28th.

Tall Butter cups, (Ranunculus Acris) begin to blossom in Talcots Cor.

Bulbous Butter cups are seen in many places.

Wednesday 27. Fruit Blossoms &c. thus.

Eng Cherry blossoms have mostly fallen
Old sour Cherry " begin to fall.
Plum blossoms — many have fallen many remain.
Pear blossoms — some have fallen very many remain
were in full blossom Yesterday.
Peach blossoms — many have fallen, or peculiar.
A large number remain on some trees.
Crab Apple are very white & full — some blossoms falling.
Common Apple Trees increase in whiteness daily.
Some have a tinge of pink, many trees are full,
but as a whole, are not full. Most trees blossom
but a considerable number have few or no blossoms.
Fruit generally Fruit trees generally blossom this year
and blossom late, & there is a fair prospect
of much fruit.
Quince Trees now show an abundance of buds.
not very prominent yet.
Kelecaia at Talbots (not a fruit tree) begins to blossom.
Japan Quince still shows its bright blossoms.
though they are falling.
Columbines are in blossom in one garden or more.
Currant Blossoms have withered to a great extent, though
many remain on the lower end of racemes. The
currants on upper end of racemes are half or two
thirds grown — or are more than half as large as
they will be, on many racemes — not one fifth of the
whole number of racemes.

Horse Chestnuts began to blossom 2 or 3 days ago.
Mountain Ash (Hinckley Tree) is in blossom or has begun.
Chestnut Region on Tom & Holyoke is of a dark green.
— not quite as greenish as Rowe Hill.
Birch Region & Birch Trees are very green.
Pedate (Birds foot) Violets are in blossom abundantly
on some sandy plains.
Bladder nut begins to blossom at Mansion House.
Ragged Robbin begins to blossom May 27 or 28.

Thursday 28. 7th warm day — not so warm.
I wife and Irene were at Tea & spent the evening at
Mr Birge's. Peninnah came in evening. Home at 9.

Apple Trees were perhaps in full blossom to-
day, or exhibited as many blossoms as they
will any day. The wind has blown off many
blossoms to day. Tomorrow may be more properly
the full.

Friday 29. 8th warm day — not so warm. Rain
last night. Fine growing season.
Apple Trees seem quite as full of flowers as yesterday.
Perhaps to day is more properly the day of full blossom.
Italian Spiraea (called prim) begins to blossom
Thorn bush at Mansion House begins to blossom.
Tigridias Columbiifolia is in blossom near mansion House.

6 May 1857.

Saturday 30. Flowers, &c. in Paradise

Barberry Bushes — a few blossoms were open yesterday in Paradise, and more today.

Thorn Bushes — by river road, have a few opening blossoms; on the upper part. S. of my garden, have been in blossom one or two days —

Pyrus arbutifolia — has some blossoms in a swamp near river road — very many bushes there full of buds. On high land S. of my garden, bushes have more blossoms with red anthers.

Tall Whortleberry — in same swamp as above, & elsewhere, has full flowers on bushes 6 feet high & some only 3 or 4 feet high. The lower whortles on higher land S. of my garden, have as yet only reddish buds.

Racemed Wild Cherry, only 3 or 4 feet high, begins to blossom or began yesterday.

Running Blackberry. I noticed one premature blossom.

Wild Strawberries continue to show many blossoms

Fringed Polygala. Blossoms abundant by upper part of river road.

Roberts Plantain (Erigeron bellidiastrum) is in blossom abundantly by river road, and on higher, sandy, places. Has been in blossom a week perhaps.

Crowfoot Geranium has been in blossom some days

Bulbous Crowfoot is in blossom abundantly by river road & on grass land south of the road.

Common Crowfoot (R. Acris) is also in blossom by the road: very few blossoms as yet. Not so large & shining as the blossoms of bulbous crowfoot.

Ribwort Plantain is in blossom by the river road. Only the lower part of the spike is yet in blossom

Barbarea & Alexandra are in blossom.

Lousewort has been in blossom some days.

Dandelions continue plenty; and white, globular caps, composed of winged seeds, are now seen by river road.

Low brook Willows are shedding their cottony seeds

Hooded Violets, flowers pale blue, are plenty by river road and have been some time. Are common elsewhere

Another pale blue violet with leaves and flowers on a stem Perhaps Viola rostrata.

Small White violet without a stem, and sweet scented, grows in wet places. Is Viola blanda. By river road.

Veronica serpyllifolia is plenty by pond in river road. many of the flowers have fallen.

Venus Pride continues to be about as plenty as ever.

Virgia. This little yellow flower is plenty on Jewett lot, where dry & sandy, S.W. of my garden.

Potentilla or 5 finger is plenty in Paradise and elsewhere, where the land is light and poor.

May 1857

Saturday 30. Grass, & Trees — Flowers.

Pines, white, in Paradise, have shot forth new branches at the ends of old branches from one to three inches in length.

Poa Pratensis is now shows panicles, & has so for some days, in mowings & pastures.

Poa compressa is not uncommon — about as forward as the other.

Anthoxanthum odoratum — Sweet vernal grass, is more plenty than Poa pratensis is, and shakes much more show in mowings.

Poa annua — is not annual. Its panicles are abundant in some moist places, especially about trodden paths, in gardens, about buildings, &c. It seems to like to be trod upon.

Orchard Grass shows panicles on Round Hill & elsewhere. Panicles not fully developed.

Carex or Sedge, of some species, shows spikes or panicles.

Red Clover. I observed to day 3 or 4 red heads in Talbot's mowing.

Ribwort Plantain. The mowing east side of Round Hill, is full of this plant — as plenty as any kind of grass perhaps. The spikes are yet short, and only the lower part has projected whitish stamens & anthers.

Crowfoot. The bulbous species is plenty in the mowings on eastern & southern side of Round Hill, as in Dr Hopkins's, Round Hill mowing, Dr Barrett's, Talbot's, Bright's, &c. Also in other places. It makes some yellowish places.

The taller, lotus species (Ranunculus acris) has yet but few blossoms, but will eclipse the other in a few weeks, or days — The petals are much alike — yellow, bright, glossy; hence the name buttercups. The bulbous species is quite as large, and as deep a yellow as the other, but is more hidden in the grass.

All Trees may be said to be in leaf, though all are not green — The latest trees as to foliage are Mulberry, Catalpa, Magnolia glauca, Syrian Hibiscus, Ailanthus. Catalpa leaves are very small, and the Hibiscus (called Althea) leaves are not fully open.

Trees on eastern mountains and hills, as seen from Round Hill, are generally green or greenish, with some mixture of brownish and other hues.

White Oaks on Round Hill have very pale green leaves, or whitish, or reddish. Trees not yet green except pale green.

Flowering Dogwood has now large white involucres, tipped with red. Nearly full grown. Round Hill.

Judas Tree, at Peck's has some flowers & some leaves. Has not had blossoms as usual.

Apple Trees are still about as white as yesterday. Not quite. Many blossoms have fallen. The ground is almost covered under some trees.

P.M. Windy, & blossoms have diminished.

28 May 1857

Saturday 30. Blossoms

Magnolia grandiflora has large White blossoms, a few, (others not fully open) and leaves 6 and 7 inches in length.

Mr Bright has another species of Magnolia from the South, which blossomed before the leaves came out, one or two weeks since, & the blossoms have fallen

Persian lilac begins to blossom at Dr Hopkins's & on Round Hill.

Other Lilacs are not yet in full blossom.

Flower de luce. The White Iris is in blossom at Dr. Barretts, & has been, a day or two. One or two blue blossoms are out at Brights.

Dielytra spectabilis has been in flower some time at Brights. A showy plant. Related to Dutchmans breeches, but is much more beautiful.

Dandelions. Many have gone to seed within two or three days, and their white seed caps appear among the grass. The blossoms seem not to have diminished much.

Wild Columbines are in blossom in Jewetts lot, S. of garden.

Fort Hill and Wests Place (that was) P.M.

Trees similar to those on Round Hill as to advance

Chestnut Trees have Catkins 1 to 1½ inch in length.

Beech Trees — have fertile catkins, and the sterile ones remain on the tree, brown withered.

Wild Rough-bark Cherry is full of racemes of buds but no blossoms. A tree.

Wild dwarf Cherry, racemed, is in blossom partially — not much.

Thornbush at Fort Hill is near full blossom.

Symmetrical mountain ash & some others are in blossom; some not in blossom. Mountain Ash is near the Horse Chestnut as to forwardness but a little behind.

Bladder nut is near full blossom.

Striped Maple is in full blossom, on pendulous racemes.

Butternut Catkins are falling — 3, 4 & 5 inches long

Judas Tree (bush) has a few leaves & a few blossoms.

Twin Flower as at Talbots, &c. partially in blossom

Robert's Plantain is in Blossom. Erigeron No 1. Erigeron, No 2, in various parts of the village has as yet no erect heads, but all are drooping, & blossoms are not yet adorned with rays.

Sarsaparilla has its leaf, stalk and scape & the latter has 3 umbels of buds not yet in blossom

Saturday 30. Blossoms, &c, at Fort Hill.

Crowfoot Geranium blossoms are plenty at Fort Hill.
Barbarea & Alexanders flowers are there also.

Barneberry. One species is in flower, and the other has shed its flowers.

Jacobs Ladder is 4 feet high, and has clusters of flowerbuds.

Arum Typhyllum or Dragon Root (old wake robin) is out abundantly — Spathe & spadix. The spadix is yet green — not purple.

Convallaria Racemosa (Solomons seal) shows its racemes of flowerbuds at the end of its curved top, and a few begin to blossom.

Bedstraw at Fort Hill (Galium aparine) has long been in flower. Very small white flowers.

Hornbeam has lost its sterile aments or catkins, and now shows leafy aments, fertile at ends of branches not fully developed.

Orchard Grass shows its panicles not fully out, at Fort Hill, as at Round Hill.

Flower de luce. White has been in blossom apparently 2 or 3 days. It is pale, but not pure white. A few flowers of the blue are open but in general not open.

Light-blue dwarf Iris in flower at Wests (Singmasters) and at Round Hill.

Azalea Honeysuckle begins to blossom at Mr. Stodders (and Jr.

Meadow Work, as seen from Fort Hill.

Ploughing & planting were going on, and I thought I saw corn up. The corn is up on the upland lots, but not much in one row. The farmers have been busy this week manuring, ploughing, planting, & perhaps some sowing. But the ploughing is not all done, & I judge that much corn & some potatoes will be planted the first week in June.

Sunday 31. I attended meeting A.M. & P.M. Mr Hall preached.

The season of Vegetation is about 3 days behind last year.

At Rochester, N.Y. peaches, cherries & plums were in full blossom May 25. Apple blossoms had not set, and vegetation later than here. Blossoms about N. Y. & N. Haven one said to be but little more advanced than here.

30 June 1857.

Thermometer.

		Sunrise.	1 P.m.	9 P.M.		
Monday	1	58.	76.	64.	Mostly Cloudy. some Sprinkling.	S.
	2	61.	82.	63.	Cloudy A.M. Fair mostly P.M.	S.
	3.	50.	76.	63.	Fair & pleasant	Southerly.
	4.	54.	70	56	Fair A.M. Hazy P.M. cool.	N.W.
	5.	48.	69.	52	Fair. cool.	N.W.
	6	43.	60.	50.	Fair. windy. cool.	N.W.
Sund	7.	50.	62	53.	Cloudy. Sprinkling. cool.	S: W: N.W.
	8.	41.	74	55.	Fair: cool morning.	S.E. &c.
	9.	52.	75.	58.	Cloudy all day.	Southerly
	10.	54.	74.	62.	Cloudy all day. Rain in the night.	S. & S.W.
	11.	56.	62.	60	Cloudy A.M. Much rain, P.M.	
	12.	58.	73.	65.	Fair: Windy shower in the night.	N.W.
	13.	59.	80.	64.	mostly fair. Pleasant.	N.W.
Sund	14.	54.	71.	58.	Fair. windy - cool	N.W.
	15	45.	75.	58	Fair, windy. some Cloud P.M.	
	16.	55.	59.	52	Cloudy. moderate Rain P.M. cool.	S.W. &c
	17.	52.	62.	56	Cloudy & drizzly. cool	S.E. &c
	18.	51.	55.	52	Cloudy some rain, cool.	N.E.
	19.	50.	59.	58.	Cloudy. Rain by turns. cool.	S.E.
	20.	58.	79	67	Mostly Fair. warm	Southerly.
Sund	21.	62.	82.	66.	Fair mostly. Some haze. warm.	S.E; S.W.
	22.	63.	78.	59.	Thunder Shower 4 to 5 in morning and one about sunset. Day fair in part.	S.
	23.	58.	70.	56	Rain in Morning. Day mostly cloudy.	N.W.
	24.	49.	73.	62	Fair; rather windy	N.W
	25.	58.	82.	62	Mostly Fair. Windy. warm	N.W.
	26.	56.	80.	61.	Fair & pleasant. Windy.	N.W.
	27.	51.	82.	62.	Fair & pleasant. warm.	N. & N.E
Sund	28.	55.	81.	65.	Fair & pleasant warm.	N: N.E; S.E
	29.	55.	81.	63.	partly Fair & partly cloudy. warm.	Southerly
	30.	57.	72.	58.	Cloudy. Dusty.	N.E & S.E.
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Temperature

At sunrise — 52 $\frac{23}{30}$
At 1 P.m. — 72 $\frac{14}{30}$
At 9 P.m. — 59 $\frac{10}{30}$

Average $61^{\circ}\frac{77}{90}$.

Coldest June for many years. Though only one degree colder than in 1855.

June 1857.

Monday 1.

Fruit Blossoms have generally fallen, except Apple blossoms, which still continue; though perhaps more than half have fallen. it may be 2/3.

Quince Trees. mine & some others began to blossom ystday. & blossoms increase to day.

Flowering Almond. mine is full, but in general the blossoms are fading and falling.

Spider wort begins to blossom (Miss Jewett's.

White Clover has heads near highway, N.E. of house. Grass that bears a blue flower is in blossom by Jewetts mowing

14 My Garden
39 my Corn is about 4 inches high. Beets 2 to 3 inches.
52 my Peas 5 or 6 inches " . Tomatoes 1½ inch
153 Cantelopes, cucumbers & Sum. Squashes have no second leaves
169 Winter Squashes have second leaves ¾ inch long.
173 Pole & Dutch beans have no second leaves. Very few pole beans up.
235 Parsnips have second leaves ½ inch diameter.
242 Currants are half grown, & a little more. mine
248 Isabella & Native Grapes — mine have put forth shoots 2 to 4 inches & some 5 inches long. Show clusters of flower buds.
Lettuce & that sowed itself. 2 inches high.
Rhubarb. We have had pies and sour sauce from this plant for some time.

Weeds in my Garden.
~~44~~
~~39~~ Fleabane or Erigeron canadense; Shepherds purse;
188 Pigweed; Ragweed; Chickweed 2 kinds;
194 Clover; Poa annua; Triticum repens & other grasses
173. These are plenty. Not so plenty are
248 Low mallows: Dock; Common wood sorrel.
Hooded Violet; Plantain; Heart's Ease; Mullein
Amaranthus will be more plenty. [abundant in June
Purslane has begun to show itself. Will exceed all others.
Annual Grasses have not come yet much; [illegible]
False Mustard. In June, 3 Seeded Mercury.
June. Purslane by millions. Annual grass plenty. Nightshade appears
Spotted Spurge: Knot Grass, Carpet weed.

Peach stones that grew in 1854 have come up abundantly this spring, after being in the ground 3 winters. Some Plums also.

Some cultivated plants scatter their seed about the garden & become as weeds, as Calystegia, Ambrosia, Fumaria, Mountain Fringe, Canary Grass.

June 1857

Tuesday 2. Irene left us & went to Westhampton

The Cuckoo, I did not hear till yesterday. Is heard again to-day.

Whippoorwills do not come within hearing.

Bobolinks do not appear. I have seen but one this year.

Young Robins have left their nests, & some other young birds.

Wednesday 3.

Walked out to Florence with Mr. Garrigue from Newyork, who wished to see Dr. Mundee.

Round Hill Barn burnt in my absence — probably from the carelessness of a smoker.

Deciduous Woods west of Florence, as well as those on Tom and Holyoke are all green, but the green is pale or light green — not dark, and is vivid. It contrasts strongly with the dark evergreens near by. Some brownish places still appear.

Apple Blossoms have almost all fallen. Perhaps one tenth of them remain. Here and there a tree retains half its blossoms.

Quince Blossoms are plenty, but not yet full.

Lilacs, purple, and White, are in full blossom or thereabouts. Persian not full.

Tulips still make a fine display, but the blossoms are more spread, & some petals are withering, and some lop. The double ones are late & about full.

White Narcissus with a dozen petals or more, is plenty.

Snow Flakes are almost all gone.

Pale Iris is in full blossom or passed

Blue do. is nearly in full blossom.

Hawthorns. The tall ones are full of blossoms — have been out two or three days I think. The low ones trimmed for fence have much fewer blossoms.

Buckthorn. The mean blossoms have been out some days.

Horse Chestnut trees make a fine show with their pyramids of flowers. Some blossoms have fallen; they are not much passed full blossom, if any.

Mountain Ash is about full blossom

Azalea Honeysuckle is about full blossom

Fly Honeysuckle (Twin flower). About half of buds are open, & some blossoms have fallen.

Weigelia is in full blossom.

Red Clover heads are rare yet, but are seen here & there.

Thorn Bushes, Pyrus arbutifolia, and Dwarf Cherry } There are all in blossom on the plains — about full.

Italian Hardback, a spiraea, is about full blossom.

Purple Lilac is in blossom in my garden.

Thursday 4. Meadows

P. m. Rode down to Middle Meadows with Mrs. Jewett—to bank of Connecticut and up Mill River. A cool, windy day.

Rye—is not remarkably good—may be middling. not so forward as rye on the plain.

Oats—is only 2 or 3 inches high—does not cover the ground

Indian Corn on Mid. Meadow Hill is up, and nearly large enough to hoe. On the lower land this side, most of the Indian corn was not up.

Broom corn was out of the ground Towards Mt. H. Hill, but on later land was not visible.

Potatoes. I saw one piece that had come up.

Grass in Middle Meadow is backward and seems not very promising, except the triticum repens on the lower side.

The grass is more forward and more promising on the ploughed meadow, but not so far advanced as homelots.

On Tuesday, June 2, men were planting corn and broomcorn, all along in Amherst and Hadley. some are planting in Northampton now, but the planting seemed to be done on the Hockanum road.

Friday 5.

Saturday 6. Blossoms.

Quince Trees are in full blossom, or the most of them.

The flowering shrub in Dr. Hopkins Garden, which may be a Spiraea, began to blossom June 3. Also on Round Hill. Many blossoms now.

Strawberry plant is full of leather looking blossoms. They have been out some days.

Wild Lupines on the plains have been in blossom some days

Ash Trees shed their inflorescence that grew out of the black bunches, some days ago. This almost covered the ground under some trees.

Rockets have been in blossom some days.

Thimbleberries began to blossom by the wall N.E. of my house June 4.

Persian Lilac is in full blossom.

Other Lilacs continue to be showy. Not faded much.

Horse Chestnuts still make a fine display, though many blossoms are fallen

Mountain Ash are out, with Horse Chestnuts

Ohio Buckeye. Its bright has one flower. Horse Chestnuts.

June 1857.

Saturday 6. Blossoms — continued.

White & Pink Hawthorn seem in full blossom.

Twin Flower — is near full blossom — perhaps not quite. makes a fine display. Some are white.

Magnolia grandiflora on Round Hill. Blossoms begin to fade and turn brown.

Iris or Flower de luce. The blue or purple seems to be in full flower. The pale is fading.

Indigo Plant is in blossom at Mrs. Hamlens.

Wild Raspberry is in blossom, just begun. Jewetts.

Common Peony. One blossom open on Round Hill

Tree Peony at Shepards — is in full blossom. Began some days ago

Spiked maple is in blossom on Round Hill.

Matrimony Vine has been in flower some time. Many blossoms have turned brown

Snow Ball. The balls are turning white.

Horse Radish. The white blossoms are conspicuous in some mowings. Have been out 2 or 3 wk days.

Erigeron No 1. or Robert's Plantain, makes white spots or whitish, in mowings, where the land is not rich

Erigeron No 2. (E. Philadelphicum) has now some erect heads with rays almost fully developed. The greater part of heads are still drooping & with no rays or imperfect ones.

High Cranberry at Williston has ray flowers, small

Periwinkle } These have long been in blossom and
Glandine } will long continue

Ox eye Daisy has 20 or 30 flowers in Mrs Bennell's mowing on Millroad. Began One or two days ago

Ranunculus or Buttercups or Crowfoot.
The bulbous species (R. bulbosus) has increased much late years, especially north of Elm Street and east of Round Hill, & seems to encroach upon the tall R. Acris. much of it is hidden by the grass, and much is visible, in some places making tracts of land yellowish.

The tall R. acris is not plenty as yet, and does not make yellow spots like the other. Perhaps it will be much more abundant some time hence.

Dandelions exhibit very few flowers, many white seed heads, and multitudes of flower stalks which have lost their flowers & have no seed heads.

Homelot Mowings, now exhibit abundance of Panicles of Poa pratensis, which is the most common; much Vernal Grass, greenish; some Orchard grass; many leaves of Hedge grass, no stalks; on wet land, much carex with heads & without; here & there wide and narrow leaved Dock; Dandelion stalks & caps; a good deal of Clover, perhaps more than a quarter; some Daisy, red & No 1. less No 2. Buttercups, the 2 species; some spots of red sorrel; clean land; Brown Pride on cold land.

June 1857.

Saturday 6. Blossoms, &c. continued.

Red Clover has many blossoms in some fields, but in general the red heads are rare.

White Clover in blossom is not plenty. I have noticed but little of it.

Wild Iris — is in blossom on Miller's wet lot.

Mopecurus. The two species have exhibited spikes in places where they grow for some time. not common.

Barberry bushes are full of flowers.

Columbines of several colors are seen in Gardens.

Strawberries, wild & tame, continue to blossom

Comfrey has been in blossom some time, in Jewett's garden

Viburnum lentago. Alternate leaved Dogwood } both begin to blossom about this month.

The season as to Vegetation continues about three days behind 1856.

Mowing. Small patches are mowed about buildings; in some cases, half an acre or more.

Water to lay the dust has been scattered on the Streets in the centre, two or three days.

Ice has been distributed to the houses of those who choose to pay for it, for some time — began in May.

My Health & weight.

The Spring effects me unfavorably as it has for some years past, though I am about and labor and exercise much more in the Spring than winter. My stomach troubles me and affects the head, as in years past. my sides, or kidney regions, or above them, give me some uneasiness, but nothing new. My digestion is good at all times yet I grow poor. — I now weigh only 145 pounds. I weighed in September 147 pounds. I think I weighed 151 pounds in the winter. In April 1856, I weighed 157 pounds, and for months before and 150 lbs in July, when I came from Rockport to Reading in Sept 1853, I weighed only 143 or 144 pounds. Some months before I weighed 157 pounds. Nov 10 1853, weighed 148 lbs. Jan 27 1854 weighed 152 pounds. — In August 1854, while at Pelham, West Brookfield, &c. I weighed 144 — 145 pounds, but in a few months, Jany 1855 I weighed 158 pounds, and in February 160 pounds same in March. July 1855 Weighed 157 pounds.

I believe I have weighed in the course of my life over 170 pounds — perhaps 175 pounds.

June 1857.

Sunday 7. 4th cool day
I attended meeting A.M and P.M. Mr Hall preached.
I wore an overcoat all day, and it was comfortable.
I saw but few such however.
Vegetation makes but little progress, these cool days.

Monday 8. cool morning. day warmer.

Corn & Broomcorn. I find that some began to hoe corn of both sorts last week, in this lower field — chiefly the latter part of the week. Many planted corn last week also — perhaps mostly the former part of the week. The planting season is over I think now, except in Gardens.

Blossoms.

Yellow lilies are in blossom at W.H. Stoddards in considerable number. I notice none in blossom elsewhere may 10. Blossoms open at several places.

Running Blackberry & Dewberry, has many blossoms by Paradise roads & elsewhere.

Wild Cherry, rough bark trees, just begin to blossom in Paradise Road. A tree more forward by Round Hill Road

Barberry bushes are full of blossoms apparently, but many have fallen, & the little berry is visible.

Oxeye daisy has begun to blossom below Paradise road. But few open blossoms yet.

Star of Bethlehem begins to blossom in gardens.

Rockets are very plenty at Dr. Barretts and in Brights lower garden. White & purple.

Spiderwort blossoms are plenty & will be for a long time

Old Red Peony begins to blossom at Shepards. many open June 9

Tuesday 9. Day warmer. Cloudy

Wednesday 10 Day warmer. Cloudy. Sister Hooker here

Sweet William. Miss Jewett had one blossom yesterday, and 3 or 4 to day. 10 on 12 June 12. 25 June 13.

Dwarf Locust. Miss Jewett has one bush that has several blossoms Others have blossomed June 12

Spiraea (if it be one) at Dr. Hopkins now makes a fine appearance. It is splendid when in blossom.

Common Locust. A tree close to the Mansion House begins to blossom. Others show blossoms June 12

Persian Lilac still retains its full blossom & fragrance.

Scotch Rose. This small rose has one blossom at Bright, and one at Mrs. Hammers. None yet open at Miss Jewetts.

A Rose on Round Hill has many flowers. Bush like scotch Rose, but blossoms larger and of light pink color, almost white.

Silvery Cinquefoil — blossoms to day by side of the road, and low and near the wall before my house

Common Cinquefoil has long been in blossom — very plenty.

Trumpet Honeysuckle begins to blossom on Round Hill, and at Brights.

Rock Rose & Frigua in blossom on Jewetts lot. S.W. of my garden June 12.
near red cedar tree

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Wednesday 10. Living Things.

A large Butterfly seen to day, with wings yellow edged with black, & some black besides.

Yellow Bugs first appeared on my squash vines to-day. Not a great number.

Crickets. One or two heard this evening.

Apple Tree Worms. I see one now & then, crawling about. Have seen but one nest, but there must have been more.

Indigo Bird, I see frequently. The female seems to be brown.

The Robin, I think, is the first bird that sings in the morning. Sometimes the last at night.

Earthworms (Angleworms) come out of the ground full length, and as I approach turn, & dart back into their holes in the earth in an instant. I did not suppose they possessed so much life, and quickness of motion. It being rainy, May 11. they were out more than usual, on my garden, and suddenly hid from me when I came near them.

Toads, for some reason, are very rare in my garden.

Trilling of frogs or tree toads is a regular evening noise.

Lice by millions are on my currant bushes. They make the leaves curl. I never had them before.

Thursday 11.

Cloudy A.M. and a good deal of rain P.M.

I transplanted Tomatoes; and gave away many plants to all that called for them.

Kingsbay sells Rhubarb, Radishes, lettuce and Asparagus — and has for some time. To-day, he has strawberries from New York at 10 cents a basket, holding about half a pint, and the basket of no value. Certainly not over half a pint. This is 40 cents per quart

Friday 12.

Saturday 13. Blossoms.

Pinks. Miss Jewett's low, fringed double pinks began to blossom yesterday. Many open to day. Single pinks begin June 14

Blossoms of Fruit Trees have all fallen, except a few scattering blossoms on quince trees.

Blossoms of Horse Chestnuts are mostly fallen.

Syringas. Several bushes have a few blossoms. May have commenced yesterday.

Tulip Tree at Talbots has several blossoms. May have commenced yesterday. Bright's tree & Hewitt's have no blossoms.

Cinnamon Rose at Wm Clark's has a number of blossoms 1/2 and 1/3 open. Some were so yesterday.

Boursault Rose at Wells' has two open blossoms this morning.

Old Red Peonies are in their glory. Pale ones not open.

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Saturday 13. — Continued.

Hornelot Mowings.

Grass seems to be pretty forward, and stout where the land is good. Spots of grass are lodged when it rains.

Poa pratensis is now the most conspicuous grass and the best. Many of the panicles are reddish brown or purplish. Some are yet green. It is more plenty to appear once than any other and all other kinds, on good land and not too wet. Its spreading panicles hide shorter grasses.

Anthoxanthum Odoratum. This vernal grass is considerably hidden, but is seen in many places. As to being plenty it is next to Poa pratensis.

Tall meadow Oat Grass, at J. D. Whitney's has panicles half out and entirely out. They are as yet narrow and not spread.

Tall Reed Grass at Weller's, & Hopkins's, has panicles partly out & some almost wholly out. They are yet green, and not spread.

Tall Fescue Grass shows many parts of panicles and perhaps some whole ones.

Orchard Grass, is more forward. Whole panicle has been out some time.

Herdsgrass is visible in many places, but I see no spikes
Spikes appear in Dr Hopkins's Sowed Herdsgrass
Triticum repens (Couch Grass) shows parts of the spikes in the wall, below my house, on S.E. of it.

Red Clover is very abundant in some mowings. and makes more or less red. Will have more red heads.

White Clover. Is by road sides, but I see very little in mowings

Tall Crowfoot (R. Acris) is more plenty than it has been, but seems less abundant than it used to be.

Short & bulbous Crowfoot — has shed a large portion of its flowers, & the rest are obscured. It is still visible in spots

Dandelion seed tops are still seen in mowings but are not plenty now.

Erigeron No. 2. shows its flowers in mowings and elsewhere. No 1. also continues, but is fading some.

Dock, narrow leaved, is the most common worthless herb in mowings. It is tall, above all grass.

Milk Weed & Meadow Rue are in some mowings;
and Horse Radish, and broad leaved Dock.

Corn & Broom Corn.

Graves began to hoe on Friday of last week, June 5. Will continue till all is finished.

Much corn was planted last week — some the first time and a good deal was planted the second time. First planting did not come up. It is very general complaint. But most corn has been hoed the present week — both kinds, corn & broom corn.

Vegetation continues about 3 days behind last year.

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Saturday 13. Living Things.

Whippoorwill. I heard one this evening for the first time. They have been heard in other places some weeks.

Cuckoos. Their note is now mostly kook, kook, just as an old English poet says it is in England some part of the season.

Buttufly. A small reddish-yellow or tawny one is about, with dark spots on his wings.

Crickets. Their irregular noise is now heard every evening. There is no regular tune.

Squash bugs are numerous & ravenous — striped

Sunday 14.

I and wife attended meeting A.M. Mr Hall preached. Both at home P.M.

Monday 15.

Sister Hall here to dine. She on the way from Westfield to Greenfield.

Tuesday 16.

Wednesday 17.

Thursday 18

Continued cloudy, cool weather, with some rain, makes foliage look fresh & green and gives the grass a good appearance but makes field crops and garden crops grow very slowly. Every thing seems backward except grass.

Fire was comfortable if not necessary, all day and evening. Therm. at 55° at 10 P.M.

Friday 19

Same rainy, or cloudy, cool weather. 4th day.

Saturday 20

Fair. Weather has come again.

My Garden.

13.14
31 Corn, first planting is 12 & 13 inches high. Parsnips 5 inches high.
52 Beets, first sowing, 8 to 10 inches high. Bush Beans 7 to 8 inches "
Pole Beans — Lima, but few came up — begin to form climbers.
Frost-Beans, later than Lima — very few have begun to form climbers.
Large White Beans — some have climbed a foot on the pole.
Horticultural Beans — show runners, but none reach the poles
Peas, imperial, 28 inches high & just begin to blossom
Winter Squash — largest leaves 7 by 8 inches. Summer do. 4½ by 5 inches
Cucumbers, largest leaves 3 by 3 inches. Cantelopes, largest 2½ by 2 inches
Tomatoes, that came up of themselves, 6 inches high, some.
Currants are of good size. A few have turned a little reddish
Rhubarb is very luxuriant. One or two leaves 2 feet each way. Very faint

These vegetables are about 3 or 4 days behind last year.

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Saturday 20. continued. Blossoming.

Syringas appear well. Some bushes are in full blossom, but in general they are not full.

Red Peonies have mostly fallen Some remain.
White Peonies show some blossoms, & more opening
Pale Peonies are not yet open.

White Scotch Rose. Some single & some called double. Have been opening some days. Some bushes are almost in full blossom; Peninnahs have but just begun

Yellow Rose – about as forward as the Scotch Rose Some seem almost full. Penninahs just begun. Both sorts, yellow & white, are "spinosissima".

Bourscault Rose. These tall or climbing roses exhibit many flowers, but are not yet full

Cinnamon Rose has many blossoms

Common Locust. Trees full of blossoms generally but very many have fallen from some trees.

Dwarf Locust. These bushes in Miss Jewett's garden are loaded, bending down with blossoms.

Mountain Laurel is in blossom and has been some days. Not full. Those from W. and NW. stop & gather them, or some do.

Smoke Tree is in blossom – not full

Low double Pinks have an abundance of blossoms. nearly full. Miss Jewetts.

Low single Pinks are blossoming. Not so forward as the double

Tall Pinks not in blossom.

Tulips Trees have many blossoms. – full or passed.
Tall blackberry } continue to blossom – and some
Dewberry } other of rubus genus.

Yellow Lilies are much withered. Many bright flowers remain, however.

upright Tawny Lily has disclosed flowers some days on Round Hill. Some at Brights.

Common Phlox is in blossom. Round Hill, Miss Clarks, & Miss Hill

Columbine Flowers continue plenty.

Valerian, with tall stem, almost naked, has been in blossom some days

Sweet Williams. Miss Jewett has many blossoms
Peninnahs (in the shady house) have not begun

Eschscholtzia. Peninahs began to blossom to day.

Candy Tuft is in blossom. Sage is in blossom
Purple Foxglove is in blossom – just begun. Miss Jewett.
Horehound is in blossom. Sweet Alyssum in blossom.

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Saturday 20. continued.

Living Things.

Lightning Bugs did not appear until to night. I have seen only one before. The weather has been too wet and cold for them.

Toads in my garden have become more numerous. They seem dull & heavy.

Bullfrogs. I have not heard them.

Shad were for sale here Bo[illegible] days since, caught at South Hadley Falls. 25 cents & some higher.

The Cuckoo makes the Kook, Kook sounds close to my garden. Probably has a nest not far off.

Flies are very scarce yet in the house. Rarely one or two seen —

Horse Flies are not yet troublesome; yet a few flies may be seen on horses.

Musketoes are yet rare in the house. Now & then one.

Farming Operations & crops & grass.

Some corn & broom corn have been hoed this week, but the rain has hindered. Some have finished first hoeing, but the greater part have not.

Mowing Homelot continues, but rain has interfered, and most of the grass is uncut.

Red Clover is very conspicuous in some mowings White clover is plenty by road sides.

Tall Crowfoot is more plenty — is pretty fully out, & makes large yellow spots.

Herds Grass heads are visible in various places but are not very prominent. Many are only half out, and many are not visible.

Tall Reed Grass has purplish panicles.

Tall Oat Grass. Whitney has mowed his.

Fescue Grass shows panicles abundantly. — fully out and partly out, as it is.

Poa pratensis. This grass is prominent in all mowings not too wet: and the Poa trivialis is in some wet places. Much of the Poa pratensis, or English spear grass, has panicles reddish brown or purplish. Some are green. It is in flower. Dead, dry, brown stalks and panicles are seen in some places, as usual.

Triticum repens shows spikes abundantly.

Oxeye Daisy is not fully out. Is plenty in spots.

Snowberry begins to blossom, on Round Hill

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Sunday 21.

I attended meeting A.M. & P.M. Mr Hall preached. A warm growing day. Fans went briskly. Some men use fans. Wife attended Unitarian meeting with Penniman. A.M.

Monday 22.

A thunder shower soon after sunrise — first thunder I have heard this season. There has been some thunder north of us. —— another Th. Shower about sunset

Tuesday 23.

Rain in morning. Wind changed to N.W. Drain from my sink related today in a new place with earthen pipes a foot long neatly placed end to end. I have not much faith in them.

Wednesday 24.

Had Mr Wood's horse & carriage, and carried wife through Hadley village to Hockanum, P.M. and made a visit at Brother Johnsons. Brother Parsons wife & their daughter Arethusa Lyman, and sister Irene were there. After tea we came home by Hockanum ferry, leaving the other four to spend the night there.

Farming operations.

Hoeing Corn and broom-corn is going on briskly in Northampton and Hadley — both first time and second time but most of the former. Some not yet begun to be hoed the first time.

Indian Corn is generally from 4 to 6 and 7 inches high in both towns. Largest in Hadley Homelots, Ox-bow meadow, and Middle meadow Hill in N.H. Some corn is 8 inches high. The average may be 5½ inches or perhaps 6 inches will be average of 2/3 of corn.

Broom Corn is quite small — generally only two to three inches high. Some 4 inches, and a little 5 inches. Average less than 3 inches — about half as high as Indian. In Hadley 3 times as much broom corn as corn.

Potatoes seem to have been planted early, and are generally higher than corn. — 6 to 8 & 9 inches.

Oats vary 5, 6, and 7 inches high, — appear well.

Rye was pretty fair — say middling. Blossoms not noticed from the carriage. Heads erect.

Grass looks well — none mowed in the meadows. Heads grass heads are generally visible but not all. Red Top shows a few panicles; in general not out.

Every thing about 3 or 4 days behind last year.

Wednesday 24. Flowers.

Wild Grapes are in blossom & have been some days. Between Hadley and Hockanum, they were plenty by road side, and their fragrance came into the carriage.

Celastrus scandens has been in blossom some days.

Diervilla, or Bush Honeysuckle is in blossom.

Cow Parsnip. This coarse, large plant is in blossom in Hadley and Northampton meadow.

Wild Roses in blossom, near Fort river bridge.

Flowers of the wild Radish show themselves in some oat-crops.

Maple Leaf Viburnum is in flower.

In Mt. Village.

my Grapes, Isabella and native, both begin to blossom.

Sweet Briar Rose. mine has a few blossoms – just begun.

Bourcault Rose (ever.) makes great show yet. Is on the wane now.

Burgundy Rose is in blossom, & some others.

Pale Peonies, begin to blossom.

Scarlet Lychnis. Miss Jewett's begins to blossom & Mr Woods.

Clammy Locust at Mr Silsbee's begins to blossom. Trees at Bright's began two days ago.

Gleditschia Locust has been in blossom some time, and many of the mean flowers have fallen. Bee's make a buzzing about these flowers.

White Peonies are near full blossom – flowers have outside large petals slightly tinged with pink; and interior smaller petals are cream colored.

Small White Roses, single & double, are falling, & many have fallen. Peninah's bush remains pretty full.

Pinks. The low, double, fringed sort are in full blossom and very fragrant. The low single ones are not quite so forward. Tall pinks not in blossom.

Plant is in blossom with flower like a lychnis, and a clammy spot between the joints of the stem. Miss Jewett's & others. Also other flowers of a similar form at Bright's with swelled calyx.

Honeysuckles – Common Trumpet, variegated or having flowers of two or three colors, pink, yellow, white, &c. and yellow are in blossom at Bright's.

Larkspurs – a few plants are in blossom – generally not.

Tall Valerian is very plenty & in full blossom.

A shorter species with more leaves, is also in blossom.

Bittersweet (Solanum dulcamara) has been in bloom 2 or 3 days, in the valley below my garden.

Tulip Trees are fully flowered, but many have faded & some have fallen. Many are yet in bright.

Large Syringa has been in blossom one or two days.

Common Syringa is in full blossom. Some leaves fallen.

Snowberry continues to blossom, & will for some time.

Smoke Tree is full of flowers. No filaments yet.

Eng. linden Tree is not yet in blossom.

Tall Mallows begin to blossom. Mrs Isaac Clark's.

Mountain Fringe began to blossom 2 or 3 days ago.

Squaw Whortleberry. Blossoms out at Round Hill some days

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Thursday 25.

Cherries on some trees have been red or reddish some days. Robins are after them.

Garden Strawberries. Some are ripe. Robins plunder them it is said. They are sold at 25 to 30 cents per box or quart.

Currants. Wife first picked some to day. Very few have any red yet, and the reddish ones are so on one side only.

Green Peas have been sold for some days — I do not know the price. P.S. 2 dollars a bushel.

Pie Plant has long been sold at 5 cts lb. now 4 cents. I give mine away.

Living Things.

Palmer Worms. Some pretend that these worms are on some apple trees this season. I have not seen them or their effects, & have some doubts of their being here.

Striped Snakes are about. Two have been on my premises. Perhaps in pursuit of toads, or worms.

Shad from S. H. Falls are still sold here at 30 cents and other prices. ——— Also Halibut Lobsters &c Salmon, fresh, are sold here at 40 cents per lb.

Lightning Bugs are not plenty in this part of the village.

Birds are musical before 4 in the morning. — Some are wood birds. Robins make the most noise

Brother Parsons and wife and his dau. Arethusa took tea here at 5 P.M. Also sister Irene, who left us for Springfield at 5 o'clock. All came from Hoskanum after dinner.

Friday 26

Button Ball Trees. Some appear better than usual at this season of the year. many have the usual haggard, ragged appearance, with many dead leaves.

Haying is going on in many homelots. and it is good hay weather. Grass generally short where land is good.

Hoeing corn is however the great business of the week, some the second time, but much the first time. Hoeing Potatoes also, 1st and 2d time.

Tobacco Plants. I noticed some in the meadow, 24.

Sugar maples are full of green seeds or keys Red Maple seeds I do not see. Probably have fallen.

Saturday 27.

I walked out to Florence A.M. & back. Fine weather.

Rye on the Plain has small grains formed, but most heads are not much bent with the weight. many however are inclined more or less, but many erect & horizontal. Some are horizontal, but erect ones are more plenty.

Poa aquatica is plenty by the road through the low meadow by and the brick-kiln, in wet or moist ground. Panicles are unfolding — many not yet fully spread

Poa Serotina (supposed fowl-meadow) shows its long panicles in same low land, and also in higher land beyond, both wet & dry

Poa nervata. Some noticed in same meadow

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Saturday 27. Road to Florence — cont.

Redtop in the meadow reported to + in other places shows the tops of many panicles, half of others, and the whole of a few. None are spread. They are generally of a dark purple, but some are green only. Many stalks or most end at the top with a leaf & sheath and show no panicle.

Herds Grass heads are plenty — partly out or all out, but none seem to be in flower yet.

Fescue Grass in the village & out, is full of anthers — that is, is in flower.

Blossoms

Canterbury Bells, white, have been in blossom in Mrs. Hemper's Garden, two or three days. Purple at Mrs Clarks.
Gladiolus, early kind, is in blossom in Miss Jewetts garden
Tallish Red Pinks with dark green leaves, are in blossom in Miss Jewetts garden
Sweet Williams are very plenty.
Hair Bells begin to blossom at Miss Jewetts.
Calystegia begins to blossom (June 28.
Foxglove blossoms are plenty — will continue sometime.

Erigeron annuum, tall & stout } Both sorts are seen
Erigeron integrifolium, slender } in the meadow and in uplands in blossom. But in general the blossoms are not fully out.

Panicled Dogwood begins to blossom at Mansion House
Arrowwood (Viburnum dentatum) has been in blossom at mansion house some days — near a week.
Yarrow has been in blossom some days.
3 leaf five finger begins to blossom

Sunday 28.

I attended meeting A.M. and P.M. and wife A.M. Mr Hall preached A.M. + Mr Crane, the Baptist minister, P.M. We had Congregational singing and no organ. I know not the meaning of this, but I wish to be rid of the organ all the time. This will not be however.

Monday 29.

Tuesday 30. Live Things

VII. 5105 The notes of young birds, sounding like young Turkies, have been heard on the Elms, three or four days past.

Birds in meadow. The Skunk blackbirds are plenty — are seen alighted on tops of dock and other herbs — some female brown ones are seen

Hawks. I saw two or three.

Crickets' noise is heard in upper meadow.

Grasshoppers — I noticed very few, little or great. They are not yet hatched out.

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Tuesday 30. The Meadows.

P.M. I walked down the meadow road from Isaac Sheldon's, through young Rainbow and old Rainbow; turned Southerly & crossed old Rainbow, young Rainbow, and Upper meadow further South, & came out by Josiah Parsons's.

Crops.

Indian Corn. Some pieces from 7 to 13 inches high, or from 6 to 14 inches, & some hills 15 inches. Other pieces from 5 to 9 inches. Very unequal — in some pieces are two or three plantings. The average when I went, of the corn, was about 8 inches, or omitting a few pieces, about 9 inches high. Much of it was hoed twice, and many men were hoeing the second time.

Broom Corn is generally small — from 3 to 5 inches high & some hills are 6 inches, and a very few may be 7 inches. Some pieces will not average 3½ inches, & the best only 5 inches. The average of the whole may be 4 inches or 4¼ inches. Some has been hoed twice, but in general only once, and many persons were hoeing the first time; and a few pieces have not been hoed at all. As usual at this time of the year, broom corn is about half as high as Indian corn; certainly not more than that.

Potatoes are as high as Indian corn. No blossoms yet.

Oats not plentiful when I went. Wild Radish among them

White beans — one piece of perhaps two acres

Tobacco — one piece of perhaps 2 acres — just set out.

Rye is of good height. In some pieces the greater part of the heads are erect; in others, the greater part of the heads are inclined more or less, but few or none fall below the horizontal;

Wheat. I did not notice any.

Grass in upper meadow.

Clover (with heds grass) is in full blossom and looks well, when recently sowed; and

Heds grass begins to be in flower, and to show purplish anthers. Only a small part in flower yet

Red top shows dark-purplish panicles, but they are not spread, & many are not fully out

English Poa has rusty-red panicles, almost dry — and whitish panicles that have been dead some time.

Haying has not begun, except a small spot of clover in Y. Rainbow

Tuesday 30. Old Rainbow.

There will be a pretty good burden of grass except on the higher parts of rainbow.

Triticum repens continues to gain ground and extend itself. The spikes are out but not in flower. Some of it is from two to three feet high, and some from 6 inches to 24 inches. In some places, it is mixed with Poa or redtop, but it is continually crowding them out

English Poa pratensis. In the upper part of the meadow this grass shows its panicles extensively, giving large spots a reddish brown or rusty red appearance. It is less common in the lower half or S part. The panicles are becoming ripe & dry — Os asmal, white panicles, or light brown, are seen, which died weeks ago. The leaves of this grass are its value.

Redtop has shot forth its dark purple panicles, but they are not yet spread, & many not fully out of the sheath.

Clover. I saw very little. There is more below where I went.

Calamagrostis — shows panicles, not yet fully out.

Andropogons of three species — show only leaves — no stalks as yet. The triticum encroaches upon these grasses, in some places.

Cicuta. I did not go south enough for this.

Horsetail is abundant at the bottom of the grass with dandelions, brakes & other troublesome, in many parts.

Carex is plenty in wet places.

Danthonia. Some panicles of this seen in the high, dry, lean parts of the meadow.

Poa serotina. A little of this seen.

Panicum Virgatum, has no panicles yet.

One strip of quackgrass was mowed and part of it had been carted. No other mowing done. This done perhaps to try the mowing machine. The triticum or quackgrass, is, however, nearly ready to cut — will be ready next week. Other grass will not be ready before middle of July perhaps.

Erigerons. No 3 & 4 are seen in many places, but few flowers are open yet. No 1 and 2 yet remain. No 3 & 4 are chiefly in ploughed or upper meadow.

Wild Morning Glory is in blossom in ploughed meadow.

Elder in upper meadow just begins to blossom. meadow Sweet, Indian Hemp, & pepper bush are not yet in blossom.

Every thing is later than last year — all crops and plants. The difference is 3 or 4 days — in some things 4 days behind last year, or more. Only 2 days perhaps behind 1855.

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Thermometer.

		Sunrise.	1 P.M.	9 P.M.		
Wednesday	1st	53.	64.	55.	Cloudy. cool	N.E.
	2.	46.	74.	56	Cloudy. rather cool.	N.E and E.
	3.	51.	63.	53	Cloudy. moderate Rain after 10.	N. and S.E.
	4.	52.	78.	63	Fair with haze.	S.E.
Sund	5	58.	81.	64.	Fog in morn. day sunshine haze.	N. & S.
	6	58.	80.	66.	half cloudy; half fair.	N. & S.
	7	59.	83.	67.		
	8	63.	(80)	61		
	9	51.	83.	63		
	10.	53.	83.	69		
	11	64.	89.	69		
Sund	12	67.	88.	71		
	13.	65.	89.	68		
	14	66.	88.	73		
	15	64.	88.	72		
	16	03.	85.	72		
	17	63.	83.	73		
	18.	71.	87.	74		
Sund	19	68.	90.	75		
	20.	70.	87.	73		
	21.	68.	85.	(72)		
	22.	70.	84.	71		
	23	59.	(75)	59		
	24.	60.	77.	69		
	25	68.	81.	66		
Sund.	26.	69.	88.	70		
	27	68.	85.	73		
	28	69.	85.	69		
	29.	68	78.	63		
	30	57.	69	61		
	31.	57.	74.	65		
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Temperature

At Sunrise	61. 27	}	$70^{\circ}\frac{7}{93}$.
at 1 P.M.	81. 13		
at 9 P.M.	66. 29		

There was a good deal of rain this month, and some thunder showers, and some cloudy weather with out rain. Several deaths by lightning in different parts of the country. The heat was about the same as 1855, not equal to 1856. —— A wet, growing month and bad hay weather.

The weather is not down after I went to Maine, and the Thermometer three times is guessed at and put in brackets. Peninnah kept the record of the Thermometer.

July. 1857.

Wednesday. 1st.

We have had no hot weather, and farm and garden crops are backward. July begins with cool weather, but not so dry as last year. Roads are full of dust.

Flowers in and about the village.

Roses of many kinds are in blossom. The leaves of most kinds are made brown by insects. Bourbonites are fading & falling. Peninsular Moss Rose is in blossom. Prairie high rose has not begun to blossom. Sweet briar blossoms plenty.

Peonies. Some white ones remain. Pale ones are becoming plenty; many buds not open.

Hollyhocks, White Lilies, Poppies, tall Pinks, Sweet Peas, Everlasting Peas, Petunias, Coreopsis, have not begun to blossom.

Low Pinks continue in blossom, some tall red pinks. Mullein Pinks began to blossom a day or two since.

Sweet Williams, Scarlet lychnis, Canterbury bells, Hair bells, Valerians 2 or 3 sorts, Larkspurs, Gladiolises, Ragged Robbin, Sweet Alyssum, Rose Clove, Mallows, Honeysuckles, Eschscholtzia, Feverfew, continue to blossom — some have just begun, or began a few days since, & others have been blossoming some time.

Spiderwort, Funitory, & some others are in blossom for months.

Syringa. The large flowered species is in full blossom. Some petals have fallen, & some buds have not opened. The common species has lost most of its flowers.

English Linden has not blossomed yet. Last year they began to blossom June 24 — same as a week ago. Floral leaves are falling.

American Bass at Talbots has no flower-buds.

Clammy Locust. Trees are in full blossom and heavily loaded at Mr Selsbee's. At Bright's, a little more advanced & blossoms begin to fall.

Smoke Trees have shot forth filaments which are purplish, & which give the trees a green & purplish appearance. They will become more smoky.

Elder just begins to blossom in meadows & uplands. Very few bushes have any blossoms yet.

Snapdragon has blossoms at Miss Jewetts.

Phacelia begins to blossom. Peninsular

Fruits.

Garden Strawberries are sold at 25 to 30 cents a quart.

Cherries are red on some trees. Early ones are nearly ripe. Birds plunder them, and some shoot the robins.

Currants. A small part are red & ripe on one side — that is all. Fine continue on the tender leaves. Western currants.

Apples are some as about 7/8 inch in diameter — most are punctured by the Curculio. The leaves are curling & withering on many trees. Prospect not good.

Some say there is a blight on most fruits.

Green Peas are now sold at 2/6 a peck or rate of 10/ bushel.

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Wednesday 1st. Continued. Flowers, &c.

Homelots are not all mowed, on several the hay is in cocks, or in the swath. Perhaps ¼ of Homelots are not mown. Several cover the cocks with cloth on the top to preserve the hay from rain and dew. This practice increases. The Grass is almost always good on homelots.

Chestnut Trees are full of aments or catkins. No flowers or anthers as yet. The catkins are visible at some distance being of a lighter green than the leaves.

My grapes continue in blossom. There are many buds not opened, and many small grapes.

Milk weed is in blossom in Mr Jewett's lot beyond my garden, on side of ravine.

Oxeye Daisy on uplands Does not fade; is full of bright flowers. Whitens some places.

Engeron Annuum. This tallest, stoutest species, now generally shows but one flower, & that proceeding from the middle; around it are branches full of buds, which will soon overtop it & blossom around it and above it.

E. Strigosum is about as forward as E. annuum. It grows more slender. E. Ambrigerifolium is a variety of it.

Beet tops – we first used for greens yesterday

My Garden Vegetables have not put forth a blossom yet, Peas excepted.

Every thing is later than last year, and the most backward season — all crops are behind last year — hay, corn, broom corn, rye, all garden vegetables, flowers wild & cultivated, fruits, &c. The difference is 3. 4, and in some things, 5 days or more. Average say 4 days.

Many predict that crops will not get ripe this year, viz. Corn, broom corn, &c. The season is only 2 days behind 1856, in some things – in some 3 days.

Thursday 2.

Cold morning. Thermometer 46°. Fire comfortable last evening and this morning.

Arethusa came from Brooklyn N.Y. at about half past 10 in the evening. Everett's Oration in Evening.

Friday 3.

Still cloudy & cool. Began to rain at 10, and rained moderately most of the rest of the day. Sister Sarah in with Dr. Hooker. He has very little mind left. Sarah bought a monument for her husband & children and agrees to give 90 dollars.

Saturday 4

The night was quiet. Some bell ringing and noise of Crackers, &c. this morning, and at noon. Day rather quiet. Some were drunk. The Irish were out.

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Sunday 5.

I attended meeting A.M. and P.M. Mr Hall preached. Carthusa & Pin. attended Unitarian meeting, A.M.

Monday 6.

We have had two or three days of growing weather. Corn on uplands, or on warm lands, looks pretty well. In the meadows, much of the corn and broomcorn is small and backward; and in the hill towns, it is very unpromising in appearance, as I am told.

Hoemeloh are not all mowed. Some hay down, or in cock. Haying has not begun in the meadows, or barely begun.

Corn hoeing is going on — mostly second time, some first time; and some on upland third time perhaps.

Rye is changed a little, but is very little whitish. I see none at a distance that has become light-colored.

Fruits have an unpromising appearance, as many trees have.

Cherries. Some are red and some nearly black, but I have seen none gathered. many on some trees wither and die. Birds eat many.

Currants. Mine, which are perhaps as early as any, are partly all green, it may be one quarter; and the other three quarters are one half partially red, and one half nearly all over red.

Garden Strawberries continue to be sold at about 25 cents per quart.

Potatoes. I see a few in blossom; and but a few. Old Potatoes are worth from 83 to 1.25 per bushel.

my Grape Vines are full of very small Grapes — just out of flower.

Living Things

Musketoes are very thick in the garden towards night, and we have some in the house.

Black Ants have troubled us less than usual this season.

Flies increase, but are not plenty. Very few about our windows. Some about cows & horses, but not plenty yet.

Striped Bugs seem to have departed mostly. Hunt my winter squashes some, but they have recovered.

Black stinking Bugs. I have not noticed on the vines. P.S. Saw some to-day —

Horned Bugs I have not seen this season.

Butterflies. Common yellow ones are not uncommon, though not numerous. Others, large & small are seen.

Bull Frogs. I have hardly heard this season. Some this evening.

Treefrogs, or others that trill are heard.

Lightning Bugs are here, but not many.

Cricket Noises are few and irregular.

Toads in garden are dull & heavy.

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Monday 6 --- continued.

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My Garden.

Vegetables grow daily, but they are behind last year some days, and behind almost all years for 20 years.

Peas. My Imperial peas are 3 to 3½ feet high and continue to blossom. Have many pods but none ready for green peas. Sowed in April.

Beans. My large white beans, on poles, began to blossom July 4. My sixweek bush beans showed no blossoms till to-day — Of pole beans, the large whites are the most forward — some near the top of the poles. The lima beans, first planted, are half way up the poles, and the Horticultural about the same. Frost beans are later — many have begun to climb & some have only short climbers. The early Limas, so called, the last planted, just begin to show climbers.

Corn. My first-planted corn is 3 feet high. My second planted 16 to 18 inches. My 3d & 4th planting still smaller. Last planting only 6 inches high.

Winter Squashes. The main stems extend from two to 3¼ feet on the ground. Some only 18 inches.

Summer Squashes. Main stems about 18 inches long.

Cucumbers. Stems 12 to 15 inches long. Most of them are upright or nearly so. A few begin to fall to the earth.

Canteloupe Melons. Stems only 6 inches, yet they begin to blossom to-day. Began to blossom P.M.

Tomatoes. Mine that seeded themselves, are from 8 to 16 inches high — a few 18 inches. They have many buds but no blossoms. I have given them no support this year. They must lie on the ground. Three larger plants that Peninnah got of Miss Woodward, which grew under glass, have been in blossom some days.

Beets. Some roots are an inch in diameter; and some leaves stand 18 inches high. Sowed in April.

Parsnips. Sowed in April, on good soil, are only 10 inches high.

Lettuce — that seeded itself, has done well, and begins to send up stalks for seed.

Cabbages. I have but few. Largest leaves are 8 inches each way.

Rhubarb. A few large leaves are 2 feet wide and over 2 feet long. Very few so large.

Chinese Sugar corn. My two hills are only 7 and 9 inches. Mr Jewett's are about 10 inches high.

Mr Jewett's Garden Vegetables are in about the same state as mine.

Hardly a weed in my garden Saturday P.M. Some have started since, most are purslane.

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Monday 6. continue. Flowers.

Many flowers usually out before this time, have not yet appeared.

Tall White Lily — not one have I seen in flower

Holly Hocks — not a flower seen.

Cockscomb — not a blossom seen.

Morning Glory. do blossoms seen.

Everlasting Peas. No blossoms.

Roses of many species are in blossom, and the leaves of many are turned brown by insects.

Bourbon Rose a few are seen yet — mostly gone.

Prairie Rose, a tall climbing rose. Penibrooks began to blossom today by front door. Elsewhere some were in bloom the 3 days ago.

Sweet Williams, Scarlet Lychnis, Foxglove, Fly Catchers, Candytuft, Sweet Alyssum, Canterbury Bells, Hair Bells of the Bells, Larkspurs, Valerians, Mallows, White & purplish, Hawkweed, Schizanthus, Mullein Pinks, Cockle in gardens, Spiderwort, Phacelia, and gone others continue to blossom — have been in blossom some time

Poppies, I noticed at Brights July 4.

Petunias, that sowed themselves, began to blossom today.

Orange lilies, many on a stalk, show themselves in several places. This species has been out but a few days. Some quite tall.

Pinks. The low ones are mostly gone, and the high ones are not in blossom — Some between white & pink red, & some of a dark, blood red, are in blossom in Miss Hewetts garden

Spiraea. Siberian Spiraea I did not see in blossom till today — at Mrs Clarks.

Meadow Sweet, a Spiraea, I noticed blossoms today (Spiraea ulmaria.) Called Friday meadow.

Spiraea lobata I see no blossoms yet.

Spiraea salicifolia. I see no blossoms.

English linden Trees. I noticed a very few blossoms July 4, at Brights. This is very late.

Elder blossoms multiply — not full — perhaps not over half are out.

Pale Peonies continue are waning. White ones almost all gone.

Smoke Tree makes a fine appearance with its plumose filaments.

Prim at Mr Silsbees has been in blossom 3 or 4 days.

Clammy Locust. Blossoms are falling but many remain

Large flowered Syringa still retains many blossoms.

Chestnut Catkins are more distinct, but not yet whitish.

Milkweeds by roadside begin to show blossoms

Vegetation is 4 and 5 days later than last year. Some things 6 days behind, and some more than that.

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Tuesday 7.

I, wife and Arethusa are intending to start for Augusta to day, to visit the children. I have another object in view, viz. to visit the seaside in Maine or this state for my health. I am troubled as in seasons past with something like dyspepsia — have grown weak and thin. Have, when I use much exercise, a pain in my side like that which Dr. Walker attributed to an affection of the liver, years ago. For some reason my health for several years past has been better in the winter than in summer; as soon as spring opens and I begin to work in the garden and to walk abroad, and be active, I am worse — have a sort of dyspepsia and pain in my side, &c. Head dizziness sometimes occurs but not so frequently as in some past years.

Birds are very musical this morning and every morning. I hear wood birds as well as those of the open lands. The Robin's notes are conspicuous, quite early. The wren is noisy.

We started in the cars at half past 8 A.M. and reached Boston by way of Fitchburg between 2 & 2½ P.M. Pleasant weather, and not dusty till we got to Concord. Parkman met us at the depot and sister Irene also, who came by way of Worcester; she went on to Andover where her daughter Martha is, and we and Parkman went on to Reading in the same train. We staid at Mr. Damon's where Parkman boards. Mr. Pitman and wife called in the evening. Also Sarah Dawes, Parkman's intended wife, and her mother Dawes. Here we first had a sight of the new daughter in law (that is to be,) and were pleased with her appearance.

Wednesday 8

We left Reading at 7½ and Parkman accompanied us to Lawrence. Had a few words with Irene and Martha at the Andover station. The day was pleasant, and there was no dust there having been a small shower in the night. We reached the Augusta station where Joseph was waiting for us, and Sylvester's three daughters, at about 3½ P.M. They were all surprised to see me as Peninnah had not informed them that I was coming; indeed, I did not conclude to come till about 10 days before we started. Pin had purposely contrived to have me arrive at Augusta unexpectedly.

I and Arethusa walked up to daughter Hanie's with her little girls, and after stopping a few minutes at Jane's house, which Sylvester built, we proceeded up to Joseph's residence, where he and wife had arrived in a carriage. Arethusa went back to Jane's to tea and I & wife staid with Joseph and Appia.

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Thursday 9. Things by the way.
Crops, & the season.

There is the same talk about a backward season, all the way to Maine, and in Maine, as at Northampton and farther west and south. Yet Maine or the Kennebec region is not so much behind the Connecticut Valley as I have found it heretofore.

Indian corn. — Some of this was small all the way — some pieces only 6 to 8 inches high, and others 8 to 12 or 15 inches. I imagine the greater part was not over 9 or 10 inches, & some pieces only 6 or 7 inches. I found as forward corn in Newhampshire & Maine as I observed in Massachusetts, after leaving Northampton. I have found small pieces of corn in Augusta about two feet high or 20 inches. It seems as if the small corn, 6 to 9 inches high, could not produce ripe corn, and the weather continues cool.

Potatoes appear more forward than corn and are generally about as tall as corn. Many raise potatoes or try to, who do not cultivate much corn. I noticed potatoes in blossom on the way, and in Augusta, but in general not so far advanced.

Beans were growing in many pieces by the way.

Oats. Not common, but several pieces observed. Did not show panicles. The yellow flowers of wild radish were in some pieces, as in Northampton.

Rye. Here and there a piece is seen. About as in Northampton as to color. Has changed to a lighter color, in some degree, but not much lighter yet.

Cultivated Crops, as Indian corn, oats, rye, &c. not abundant on this route of almost 300 miles; many small pieces, but the people seem not to cultivate much land. Potatoes are perhaps more common than any other cultivated crops.

Grass. In the vicinity of the rail-road the land seems to be left in grass for the most part on the whole route — say 9/10 of the whole or 19/20 or a greater share. Pasturage chiefly, but considerable mowing. The pastures are light and the mowings not heavy. The most productive farms are in Newhampshire, and between Portland and Augusta. The strongest land is on the Kennebec, but only a small portion of this is ploughed and some or planted. Grass occupies almost all.

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Thursday 9th. Things by the Way. Cont.

Haying had commenced in Deerfield Meadow, in Montague, in town between Concord & Boston, in Reading, in town in New Hampshire, and in town on the Kennebec. Haying seems about as forward here in Augusta as in Massachusetts, Northampton homelots excepted. Mowing has but just begun any where — not much grass cut till the present week.

On the Kennebec, where the land is a clayey loam, the best lands furnish chiefly Herdsgrass with red and white clover. Hel grows also Poa pratensis, or English Spear grass, Redtop, F. estuca, and water grasses in wet places. The witch grass is very common. Even Danthonia grows here and some is seen in Son Williams's homelot.

On the more sandy lands in Massachusetts and New Hampshire, Redtop is conspicuous in their mowings, and several other sorts grow there; and there is considerable mowing on low, swampy lands, which yield poor hay. The salt Marshes seem very backward and the grass not half grown.

White Daisy or Ox eye Daisy is conspicuous in mowings, and some in pastures, in the eastern part of Massachusetts about Boston, and 20 miles west of Boston. Also in New Hampshire, and especially in all parts of Maine. Fields made white by these flowers are seen continually. It seems to be plenty on pretty good land, and is more abundant on the Kennebec than in most other places. Son Williams's lot which had a great burden of herdsgrass and clover, was also much whitened with the Daisy, though less than poorer lands.

Erigerons and Buttercups are seen in grass lands by the sides of the rail road, in many places, but are not very plenty in Augusta.

Laurel blossoms appear in profusion in the poor, broken, hilly lands of Massachusetts, but none are seen in Maine.

Rail fences are rare in eastern Massachusetts, and New Hampshire, and much more rare in Maine, yet some are found in Maine. The Rail road fences are usually made of narrow boards nailed to posts, but in some places they are of stone and Massachusetts has some of rails. In Maine, many of the road fences west of Portland were made by fastening two small posts together at the top in this form ^ — and then nailing narrow boards on the slanting posts next to the lots of land. The posts apparently stood on the ground and not in it. And the object of these double posts may be to keep the rails from rotting, by keeping them out of the earth.

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Thursday 9. Things by the way. Cont.

Apple Trees. I did not notice any appearance of the Canker worm in Massachusetts except in one orchard in Reading, where the trees were considerably bare of leaves. That orchard has been troubled many years, while orchards in general in Reading were fresh and vigorous. There are doubtless some ravages of the canker worm about Boston in towns or orchards which I did not see. — I noticed in several towns between Fitchburg and Boston, that new orchards of small, thrifty trees were growing, engrafted, choice fruit doubtless, and that the old natural fruit orchards had mostly disappeared.

Orchards in Maine generally appear thrifty — but some were hurt by the winter. The crop of apples will not be a large one.

Wild Strawberries are sold here — no other berries are ripe.

Trees. From Greenfield to Boston and from Boston to Augusta, very few large trees are seen from the rail road, except shade trees. All the large timber has been cut down, and sold, or burnt for firewood. There may be larger trees at some distance from the rail road. In some of the towns, indeed in most of them, there are large tracts of small trees & shrubs, from the size of a pipestem to that of my arm, and leg. There is a vast extent of mere brush, which left to itself, would make a forest in time. But much of this is cut over for fire wood when the trees are 3 or 4 inches in diameter. Long piles of wood are seen, made from trees from two to 5 inches in diameter — not much over 4 inches — Rail Road Sheds exhibit much of this small wood, and they have much wood from larger trees, which is probably brought some miles.

The new trees that spring up in Massachusetts and elsewhere are white deltoid birch, the most common; soft or red maple; poplar in some places, hemlock, pine, ash, &c. White cedar is in Mass. and N.H. and in Maine, there are large tracts covered with fir and spruce, 6 to 15 feet high all with tapering, pyramidal tops. Some Hackmatacks are seen.

Chestnuts. I did not see in Eastern Massachusetts (though some may grow there) nor in N.H. nor Maine. I observed no chestnuts white with blossoms any

Oaks are observed in some places.

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Thursday 9th. Continued — I rode with son Joseph to see Sylvester's monument. Also to the State house and went into the library, and upon the top of the building. Judge Weston & Mr. Caldwell called. P.M.

Friday 10th. Crops at Augusta.
Went down to see Jane & the children A.M. In the afternoon, rode with Arethusa a mile north, about a mile east then two miles south & a mile west, & a mile north to Joseph's.

Almost the whole of these two square miles are cleared land, in grass, and the greater part is mowing. They have begun to mow in several places. Herdsgrass and clover are the most common, but English [illegible] red top, witch grass, fescue, and other kinds are seen. — The Oxeye daisy is seen in every piece of mowing, and in most pastures. Tall buttercups are plenty in lowland.

There are pieces of corn, potatoes and oats but these occupy a very small portion of the land.

Fences are not good. The old log fences first made are generally rotten, but some of the logs remain. Pine poles, stones, boards & posts, pickets or pales are used for fences, and in some two or three sorts are used together. Pine stumps and roots are also used for fences. Mr Revel Williams has some arbor vitae rails.

Grass seems to be the great crop in this region. The land is still so new that it yields good crops of grass without manure, but this cannot continue many years. They are exhausting or wearing out the soil here, just as it has been done in older parts of New England, and after many years, it will not produce much grass, nor anything else. The strong, clayey loam found here will last longer than the sandy, gravelly soils of Massachusetts. — Potatoes are cultivated here to a considerable extent. Some barley. Most people plant some Indian corn, but the pieces are generally small. Oats are sown by some, or many.

The season here is very little behind Massachusetts now; I never saw so little difference before. Crops seem as forward here as in Worcester county, Middlesex, northern part, &c. Potatoes are in blossom here more than in Massachusetts; corn is as high; grass is about as forward, and haying is as far advanced — only just began here and there. Joseph has tomato plants in blossom when not one that I raised was in blossom when I left home. Jane has tomato blossoms also. Beans are in blossom here quite as much as in my garden. Some corn two feet high.

Saturday 11.

Rode in the morning with Joseph about 4 miles southerly, through or into Chelsea (part of old Hallowell). We went down & up some steep hills. We turned easily and came back on an eastern road.

Appearance of farms like those seen yesterday, but more unmown. Mowings fully headgrass with clover and some other grasses. Pieces of corn, potatoes and oats seen. Old pine stumps remain in many lots. Old log fences are not all rotten, and then are awkward stone walls, fences of boards, of poles, &c. A large portion of the farm houses are one story; some of them new and neat and some not to be commended. A number of them are 1½ story high, and some have corner windows on the roof. Many houses & barns have the sides shingled in this region, though not ⅓ of the whole.

Rode after 11 o'clock with Apphia about 3 miles to the North parish meeting house and back. The same general aspect, but this is an older part of Canaan, as indicated by the buildings, orchards, fences, &c. Mowings of headgrass and clover predominate on this route as well as elsewhere, and every farmer has some potatoes, corn and oats, and some have white beans. Yet almost all the land is occupied by grass, in mowings and pastures. Almost all the houses are one story, a few 1½, and they are generally in good order & seem to be comfortable residences.

Elder but just begins to blossom here; is later than at Northampton.

Cinnamon Roses, I see by fences, near houses and at some distance from houses.

Today has been the warmest day this year. Thermometer here at 1 P.M. 88° and noon 89°. A good hay day, though the wind was southerly. Joseph H. Williams hay was got in P.M. or about 6 tons of it in 12 one horse loads, more remaining in the cock and some unmown. His hay is mowed, dried & put into the barn for one third of the quantity. Judge Conny hires the work done for one third of the hay. Hay is probably not worth over 10 dollars per ton now.

Sunday 12

I attended meeting at the Unitarian church A.M. and P.M. Mr Ware, their minister, preached. A fine looking man, and a man of mind & thought, but he seems not to adapt himself to the common understanding. Some many less power are more interesting.

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Monday 13.

Rode with Appleton one mile north, then east near two miles, then north over Church's Hill so called, two miles or more, then westerly and some southerly about two miles to the old north parish meeting house, & to the road nearest the river, then North about 3 miles into the southern part of Pittsfield to Brown's store or corner. Then turned about and came home about 6 miles. We rode in all about 16 miles and reached home at 10½ a.m.

Houses on these roads were somewhat numerous but thickest on the western road. Almost all were one story and 1½ story; a few two stories. Some were quite old, probably built before or soon after the revolution. Three four were forsaken and in a state of decay. Very many of the one story and 1½ story houses had a single chimney in the middle, in the old way; some of these had 2 front rooms and a kitchen, and some only two front rooms, with a kitchen in an addition or none. A number houses and barns were shingled on the sides. The chimneys of late built houses were more numerous and smaller, fitted to carry the smoke of stoves apparently. Many houses were boxed trees & shrubbery; some had trees, & some had lilacs, cinnamon roses, &c. in front. I noticed several butternut trees.

Old apple orchards have many unthrifty trees with dead limbs. Younger orchards are more thrifty.

Farmers generally had corn, potatoes & oats. The corn in many pieces is of good height, two feet or more — some only 9 to 15 inches. Some Oats just begins to show panicles. Potatoes look well & some are in blossom. A few beans.

Grass is the great crop in all this region, and most people were mowing or making hay. Mowings & pastures cover a large portion of the country. Wood lands are not plenty. Herds grass with some clover are on each side of these roads to a great extent. The herds grass is in flower & shows purple filaments & anthers. This is the grass of Illinois preeminently, or the grass of this part of it. As the land becomes exhausted English Poa and Redtop come in. Witch grass is in some places, and some fescue, and Danthonia comes in when the soil is very poor. In wet places I observe Calamagrostis & Poa aquatica and rush grass. I see no sweet scented Vernal grass. The Oxeye daisy continues in mowings and pastures on all these roads, but not so plenty as further south. Some mowings nearly free from it. Tall Buttercups in moist land.

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Monday 13. Ride to Vassalboro' continued.

Fences exhibit all the variety before noticed. All sorts of board fences are seen, some very poor. many are supported by stakes & withes. The original log fences are generally rotten & gone, but some of the lower logs remain, and have received additions of poles, boards, &c. Fences of pine poles continue, and some made of pine stumps with the roots are seen, often with a pole or two on the top. many stone fences on these roads, some uncouth and merely thrown together. On the western road most of the fences are of stone, that are somewhat flat, and are better made than those of the east. The winter frosts in these clayey soils make bad work with stone fences and those with posts in the ground. There are some paled or picket fences about houses and elsewhere. Some of these have no posts in the ground, but the string pieces to which the pales are nailed, are fastened to an iron rod which at the bottom twists, being made tight, in a large, flat piece of granite.

Church's Hill on the eastern road is quite rocky, and stone are plenty in other parts of the roads I passed over. Some granite quarries are seen, and ledges of rocks.

Brakes or ferns & sweet ferns grow in some lands not very good. Elecampane is plenty in some places by roadsides.

Elder blossoms are becoming plenty.

Erigerons are here, but not plenty. Some yarrow.

White clover often appears in fields & by roadsides.

Spiraea salicifolia begins to show blossoms, by the sides of fences.

Common flowers are seen in some gardens.

Gardens for vegetables seem rather neglected or some do. Others are better cultivated.

Flowers. A man named Tower in Vassalboro had a great variety of flowers in front of his house, and he kindly gathered a bouquet for us, though we were strangers to him. Few people in Augusta village have so many flowers. Some kinds I had not seen before. He has spent some time in California.

Exhaustion of soil is going on here as well as in all the States. As a general rule, mowings are not manured, and are clipped every year. This strong clayey soil will last much longer than our sandy soils in Massachusetts, but it will in time become exhausted & cease to yield grass. There is some alternate husbandry, or land alternately ploughed & manured & then laid down to grass, but I judge that most mowings are never manured. Some fields are already exhausted enough to bear rather light crops of English Poa and redtop, with very little hardgrass, but in general English & redtop are not very prominent, though seen here & there.

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Monday 13— continued.

The weather has been quite warm for 3 days — viz. 11th 12th and 13th. The Thermometer at Dr Williams's has been at 88 and 89 at one or two o'clock and was at 90 to day. Went higher in lower part of the village, I suppose. Must have been above 90 at Northampton, I think. Said to have been 100° in New York. Only 87° in Boston. Some smoke or haze. Corn and other things grow fast.

Haying, I think, did not begin much in this region till last week. It was pretty good hay weather all the week, and has been to day. Considerable hay has been got in, but only a beginning has been made. Fields of Redgrass are seen in every direction, some with clover & some without.

Tuesday 14.

A Thunder shower westward this morning, and a small shower here. Cooler. Thermometer went up to 83°. Day partly clear, partly cloudy.
Did not leave the house to-day. Letter from Pin Rev Mr Ware and others here.

Wednesday 15.

Partly fair & partly cloudy. Thermometer went up to 86°.

Thursday 16.

Fair mostly. Thermometer went up to 86 or 87°.
Sister Irene Matthews & her daughter Martha arrived here from Andover P. M. I & Appleton called at Mr Caldwell's after tea.

I and Appleton & Arethusa & Jane & little Appleton rode out to the Mineral Spring, A. M. in Chelsea (formerly East Hallowell) about 6 miles, that is, about 3 miles down the river & then Southerly. Came back by the Thomaston road, before noon.

The Spring did not seem to me to possess much if any virtue; and the region around is a low swamp, on the outlet of Warramatogus pond, which is a sluggish, stagnant stream, passing through the swamp. The house is near the swamp. Nothing was inviting to me. The swamp is covered with deep moss, sedge, poa canadensis, some galium or bedstraw and other herbs. A species of Polygala was then in flower, and some loosestrife. Some Cranberries.

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Thursday 16 — Ride to Mineral Spring. Cont.

The eastern part of this route for two miles or more is a rough, uneven, rocky, stony region much less valuable than the land farther west. It has been covered with large pines, the stumps of which remain in many fields, and large tracts are covered with brush and small trees, both deciduous and evergreen. The evergreens are white pine, fir spruce, hemlock, arbor vitae; the deciduous are white & yellow birch, beech, ash, elm, maple, and others. Some Grass. Oak is rare.

Houses continue as before — almost all one story or 1½ story — some shingled on the sides. Some neat and others not so. I saw one or two forsaken houses.

Fences as elsewhere — many stone walls awkward enough, — looks as if they were thrown up by an earthquake. The ground heaves so much with frost that walls, if well laid up, do not remain so. No posts in the ground, or very few in this region, because the frost heaves them out. Some iron posts in granite blocks, & some wooden posts in granite or wooden blocks. Most of the stones rocks & ledges are granite, or gneiss. — The old fences in this region were built with large logs in part; such as were knotty and crooked and not accounted of any value when clear stuff was only 8 or 10 dollars per thousand. Some of these fences remain, the logs partially rotten, and topped out with poles, &c. Fences of smaller logs or large poles are more common. Also of small poles. Board fences of various sorts but generally uncouth & sometimes hardly effective. Stumps with the roots turned up make horrid looking fences in some places, helped out with poles. I saw one string of fence by the wood made of small and large stakes with the limbs on, that is, a brush fence.

The herdsgrass continues wherever there is any mowing, with some mixture of clover, oxeye daisy, buttercups, & some other grasses. Haying is going on every where, and some are hoeing.

Corn, oats, potatoes are cultivated, and rarely a piece of barley or spring wheat. a few beans. I saw one piece of winter rye. Gardens do not receive the best attention.

School houses are seen every mile or two in all this region, & children going to school or at school, or returning. The school houses are in the old shape they have long been in in Massachusetts — oblong, with a chimney, door, entry at one end, and windows on the other end and two sides. Some have a wood house and back house, some not. Generally destitute of shade trees or any thing around them, a few are different.

Panicum grass is seen in many poor spots by the road side. Some brakes & sweet fern. sedge grasses & rushes in wet places. mullein are rare. Some yarrow. Lamb or small laurel.

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Thursday 16. cont. Flowers

White tall Lilies have been open since Monday at Mr Caldwell's. None open in N.H. when I left. Fragrant Honeysuckle of two or three colors is not uncommon here. Mr Caldwell has much of it in blossom. Larkspurs, Valerians, Verbenas, Roses of many kinds, Petunias, Canterbury bells, Phlox, scarlet lychnis, and most of the flowers at Northampton are found here.

Red Pinks are gone, & high ones not in blossom. Pale Peonies still continue in Appleton's flower garden

Friday 17. A rainy day, & much cooler. We were all invited to dine at Mr. Williams's the father of Joseph, and all went except Joseph who starts for Boston this morning. Ticke were 5 from this house, and Jane, Judge Weston, Rev. Mr Ware, Augustus Gilman, Mr Cutler, Arethusa from Jane's, Mr. Williams, wife and dau Anne (July 6th)

We had an excellent dinner, but I was surprised, confounded, shocked to see that all took wine except three — myself, wife and Martha Matthews. I supposed that the men or at least, Mr. Williams & Judge Weston were in the habit of wine drinking, and was not surprised at them, but to see 7 females, each sipping at a glass of wine, and one confessed that she did it so as not to appear singular, I was astounded beyond measure. Has our temperance reform come to this? Then all is over, & drunkenness must rule and reign. If there may drink wine then may the foreign servants who waited on the table & observed every thing, drink spirits and get drunk, & be much less blameworthy than these men and especially these women, who include two of Mrs Judd's sisters, and my daughter and daughter in law. It is useless to preach temperance to working men while the higher classes drink wine.

Seven years ago we dined at the same place, and Mr Williams drinked wine, but the women did not, and Gov Fairfield, who was present, did not. Wine Drinking has increased very much in 7 years, and I should infer from this, Seven women sipping wine at one table; some because they loved it & some because they did not like to be singular!

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Saturday 18. Cloudy A.M. Sunshine P.M.
Thermometer went up to 83 or 84

We all took tea at Jane's, & spent part of the evening there, viz I, wife, Irene & Martha, and Lapphia. Anethusa stays with Jane almost all the time.

Sunday 19. Partly cloudy & partly sunshine. Thermometer went up to 89° and 90°. I went to meeting A.M. A Universalist from Waterville preached. There were Thunder Showers in the night.

Monday 20
The day was mostly cloudy. Thunder Showers in the evening. Thermometer went up only to 74 or 75. I visited Judge Weston P.M. to learn about old things. A man killed by lightning in Augusta this evening and another elsewhere.

Tuesday 21.
Cloudy all day. Rather warm. Some rain in the night. I was at the State House Library all day.

There is a great deal of hay exposed to this bad weather. Hay cocks are seen in every direction; a few have white caps, but in general not. Some of the hay was mown week before last, and much of it the fore part of last week. Monday of last week was the last hay-day there has been here.

Corn and other things grow finely.

Tall Pinks begin to blossom in Joseph's garden
String beans from Joseph's garden to-day.
Spiraea lobata in in blossom in the flower garden
Day Lilies are in blossom by fences, near houses.
The cliff-Swallows & their young depart from in Joseph's house, except in two nests, on Sunday or Monday.
Blackberries begin to be sold here.
New potatoes, I noticed, at a grocery: mid-size.

Wednesday 22
I was at State House. Mostly cloudy. Some sunshine. Some rain in evening & night. Some spread hay to-day. It looks brown. It is last mined.

Thursday 23.
I was at State House. Rode down & back every day with Mr Caldwell, a neighbor who is employed in the secretary's office.
Cloudy all day with considerable rain. Wind from northeast & cold.

Friday 24.
I was at State House. Cloudy & some rain.

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Saturday 25

was at State House — Wind changed from N.E. to South. Cloudy & some rain A.M. Broke away P.M. and sunshone more or less. We were glad to see the sun again.

Irene & Martha left us for Andover & Springfield in the forenoon.

Immense quantities of hay stand in the cock; it is seen in every direction, & some in the swath. It was mowed, some of it a fortnight since, some 10 days or a week, &c. It is very dark colored, almost black, and if dried a little is smoky. It is spotted — is good for nothing as hay. Some is nearly rotten. Some that has been covered 10 days with white cloth, cannot be much if any better than that which had no covers.

Maine farmers must have sustained a great loss, and I imagine it is somewhat similar in eastern parts of Massachusetts, but not so bad, I think, on Con. river.

There has been no hay-day since Monday July 13. It has been cloudy or rainy or drizzly every day since, or the most of every day. Yet there has been no heavy showers, no very great quantity of rain. The river has not risen much.

A fine growing time for gardens, corn, potatoes, second crop of grass, and everything else.

I notice here new potatoes raised here & pretty good size, for sale. Also String Beans and Peas. Onions. Beets & Tom. Red Raspberries are plenty — 10 cents or 12½ qt. Blue & Huckleberries — not so plenty. 16 cents per qt. Currants are nearly ripe — ripe enough to be good.

Sunday 26.

A fair pleasant day — first such since July 13. Thermometer up to 84°. I attended meeting A.M. & P.M. Mr Ware preached — perhaps his last sermons here. Has requested a dismission. Many people opened & turned hay to day; in some carted hay — at least I saw one cart-load. & the owner said the hay was damaged only one third. In general, must more than this, I think.

Monday 27

at State House. A fair day, but there was a little shower P.M. Much hay got in to day, and much caught in the shower. Thermometer up to 86°.

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Tuesday 28.

A pleasant day—fresh breeze from S. E. and S. Started with son Williams, and with his horse and carriage, for Boothbay, wishing to spend a few days at the seaside. We came through Augusta, Chelsea, Pittstown, Dresden (part of old Pownalboro') and Wiscasset, to dinner—said to be 23 miles. Crossed the East river at Dresden, that comes into Merry meeting Bay—a considerable stream, which we crossed by a toll bridge. We crossed the brook from Warrantagues pond, near its mouth in Pittstown. In the afternoon we crossed the harbor or Sheepscot river, from Wiscasset to Edgecomb, on a long bridge, as long as Northampton bridge, and turning southerly rode some miles in Edgcombe, & some miles in Boothbay, till we came to Boothbay harbor, 13 a 15 miles from Wiscasset, and two miles south of Boothbay centre. Much of the way, were in sight of Sheepscot river or Bay to the west'ly us, sometimes narrow & sometimes broad with arms extending some distance. It is deep water, so that a 74 gun ship could go up to Wiscasset, it is said. Saw no village. The town part of our route was farther east of the Sheepscot, & higher lands shut it out from view. Passed a pond.

Joseph and I found accommodations at Mr Weymouths, a blacksmith & ship builder, who sometimes entertains people at the harbor.

We walked about the place before tea; and after tea ascended Mount Pisgah, east of the village, where the first minister of the place, Rev. John Murray, from Scotland, built a large house, from which he had an extensive view of land & water. The old house was burnt a few years since, but another has been built on the mount.

Wednesday 29.

Some rain early in the morning, and cloudy after. Joseph left for Wiscasset & Augusta about nine o'clock, and I plunged into the salt water for the first time soon after, west of the village. Boothbay Centre has three meeting houses—Congregational, Baptist and Methodist, and Boothbay Harbor has one, which is Congregational, erected few years since. Rather pleasant, but not large village. When I came, the harbor had in it 40 or 50 vessels at anchor, many of them small. This harbor is spacious and extends some miles southerly between points of land, has in it several islands, and one ~~island~~ Island has a light house, which showed its bright light last evening. It seems not to be a place of much business. There is some ship building, but in general not much mechanical business or trade. Many are concerned in fishing—for cod fish, mackerel, lobsters, &c. nearby and at a distance, and not a few are connected with

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— vessels as coasters &otherwise, which trade to other ports in U States, and to foreign parts — A vessel came in a day or two since with 1000 quintals of codfish which was put upon the floor of a building, with a cellar under it, and towards night yesterday, about two thirds of the floor gave way, and two thirds of the fish fell into the cellar, where it would be exposed to the next tide. Joseph stopped to look at it, and found 15 or 20 men employed in getting this fish out of the cellar & packing it in long piles on the outsides of the building. The fish was only partially cured.

Haymaking. We found yesterday that people were making hay, and mowing, & getting in hay, all the way from Augusta to Boothbay (not getting in till P.M.) Much hay must have been got in yesterday, and we saw not much of the dark colored hay that had been out a week or two. Redtop seemed to be the chief grass down to near Wiscasset, but grew less plenty; many fields of it south of Wiscasset, but a great increase of other grasses in the stony region, in Dresden, Wiscasset Edgecombe & Boothbay. Much redtop, English poa & anthonia or poverty grass, &c. This poor grass which now has whitish panicles & gives fields a whitish appearance, is rare in two or three of the first towns, but becomes more plenty where the land is more rocky & stony and the soil more lean, especially in Edgecombe and Boothbay. Then are large tracts of it in mowings and pastures, & in many places it is mingled with other grasses. It yields but a light crop any where. The same as in Hampshire county.

Then were pieces of Indian corn, somewhat frequent all the way, and it every where had a rich color and a vigorous appearance. Some pieces showed the panicles or tops, but the greater part did not show them, though they might probably be seen close by. They manure their Indian corn. — Potatoes look well — generally in blossom but not all. Some beans are planted among potatoes and elsewhere — Oats not uncommon in some towns — less this way. — Pieces of Wheat and Barley are not uncommon in the south half of the route, where the land is not so strong & clayey as in the north part — Rye I did not notice.

Clayey soil predominates nearly all the way but is more general & forms a greater portion of the earth in the northern towns; and large tracts in these towns are free from stones. Sometimes hardly a stone is seen for a mile or two — There is more sand, gravel, small and large stones, and rocks & ledges in the southern towns, especially in Edgecombe & Boothbay. These towns seem about as rocky as the towns on the Kennebec up to Merry meeting Bay, yet they are occupied as farms, & farm houses appear in every direction. There are many good spots of land

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in these towns among the extensive rocks and hills. They reminded me many times of the hill towns in Hampshire — uneven, stony, rocky, hilly, with green slopes & fertile spots. There is more clay here than in Hampshire; even in this rocky harbor. the soil is clayey. Brakes are frequent in pastures here, and there & the tall top and clan thonia, a sweet fern & other plants helped the resemblance to some towns in Hampshire. White weed or oxeye daisy continued most of the way, but is less plenty in the lower towns where the soil is the poorest. many blossoms are withering.

Orchards are common all the distance, but Maine Orchards seem to me not thrifty, at least the older ones. Some young orchards appear well. I think apple trees do not grow so large, nor continue thriving & vigorous so long as in Massachusetts. — Very few of the fruit trees are seen except in Augusta & some large villages.

Large trees are very rare all the way from Augusta to Boothbay, & no extensive forests are seen, though more land is covered with wood south than north of Piscasset. — In some places the second growth is maple, beech, birch, ash, & with some oak, but in general, especially in southern part, the young trees are firs, spruce & hemlock, with some white pines & hackmatacks and a few Norway pines or yellow pines; and in places on the South part of the route, the arbor vitae is plenty by the road sides. — A large portion of these young trees & older ones grow conically and have pointed, tapering tops; I can see these pointed tops now in several directions from my chamber window.

Houses. are similar to those farm houses in Augusta before noticed — generally all the way one story and 1½ story, though more two story houses with hipped roofs or 4 sided roofs, in Edgecomb and Boothbay than in some other towns. Some have a few bushes or shrubs & flowers in front, but a large portion of the farmers houses are entirely bare and naked, & not a tree or plant before them; yet many of them are well painted and even they neatly enclose them. I judge that some people have a prejudice against ornamental trees, and do not desire any near their buildings. — Almost all houses are comfortable; there is no appearance of abject poverty in any part of Maine that I have seen. — Irish hovels which disfigure the landscape in many parts of the county are rare here. — There are many large barns — indeed, grass is the great crop, and there must be barn room, though much is shipped.

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Women in the fields. I saw yesterday 6 or 7 females raking hay, or helping load hay by raking after the cart, and one was on the top of a load of hay, which was driven towards the barn. There had been a long spelly wet weather and yesterday was fair, and it was to the credit of these girls that they were willing to aid in haymaking. They were well dressed and their fathers were probably in comfortable circumstances. Whether they wore hoops, I could not tell. The one on the top of a load of hay was evidently a little ashamed of her position when she saw us in a carriage not far off. She fell down flat on the hay, & seemed to pull the hay over her, but when the cart jolted in passing over a stone or rough place, I could see her sun-bonnet and a little of her dress.

Chimneys & Houses. The old houses have generally only one chimney & that in the centre, which is 1½ or 2 stories high. Later ones have generally two chimneys, or three, and a few have four. Very few houses seem very old; a few in any go back to the revolution, but not many. Some at Boothbay, in the limits of the township, seem as old as any I have seen. They are generally painted but not all.

Wiscasset Houses are large, very many of them, and some are showy. One old aristocratic house, belonging to a Carleton family, is going to ruin. These expensive houses must have been built in more prosperous times, or before the embargo, I imagine. Wiscasset with its fine harbor has not much business now. It is a shire town.

School Houses. I have found one of these once in a mile or two all the way from Augusta — generally with a chimney, entry & closet at one end, and the rest a school room. From this way, I find several more square, but with nearly the same divisions, the school room being wider & not so long as the others.

There is a good sized schoolhouse here at Boothbay Harbor which has been built over 60 years, but has been altered inside and covered outside since first built. Mrs. Weymouth born 1797 says she went to school in that house from 1802 till she was near 18. The house had chimney, entry & place for garments at one end, and the school room had 5 or 6 seats each side rising one above another and none at the end; these side seats had desks or tables before them except the lower ones; they occupied most of the floor. The teacher's desk was in the middle. Mrs. W. says they had for reading books the Testament & Preceptor; Webster's Spelling Book; Perry's Dictionary. She studied Grammar & Arithmetic the latter part of the time. The Girls in summer all sewed at school, & some embroidered, some knit, & some worked samplers. The Samplers had the Alphabet in two or three sorts of type, the figures, the name of the worker, and a short verse sometimes — The Catechism was studied and recited every Saturday. Indeed, the schools here were the same as in my native town. Teachers boarded round, more in winter and more or less in summer. Choosing sides to spell, not common here. Children learned & spoke hymns, and dialogues & other pieces from the Preceptor.

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In the afternoon, I walked round the head of the cove that sets up from the harbor farther west, and continued over the hills till I came to another cove that sets up from the western wing or arm of this harbor two or three miles, I was ferried over this, & then went N. or west about a mile and passed round the head of another cove or body of water that seems to extend southerly some miles, between Southport, West, and Boothbay, East. I continued farther west to the top of a hill, where a large body of water was before me with islands, &c., larger, I think than Merry meeting Bay. The farther or western part of this is Sheepscot river, some distance from me. South of me was the town Gut so called, a passage of water from the great Bay and the Sheepscot river, into the cove or bay east of Southport. I left this hill and retraced my steps to Boothbay harbor, crossing the cove again in a ferry boat.

There are scattered houses in all this rocky, hilly region, most of them near the water. The rocky pastures afford good feed — clover, English, poa annua, &c. and the cows and other animals are in good order. Doubtless the frequent rains have made the pastures better than usual.

Fishing. One man told me that most of the people living in these houses in Southport & in Boothbay for miles to the north and in other towns, obtained much of their livelihood from the fisheries. Farming was a secondary object. I observed a man near the ferry where I crossed unloading codfish from a small vessel.

In coming down yesterday a man some miles back told us a similar story — that a large portion got part of their living from the sea, though some lived entirely by farming. A farmer could come down and catch fish enough for his family without much trouble. Some were captains of vessels, sailors, &c.

Trees, Shrubs and Flowers.

The trees which I noticed to day on the rocky lands were very much spruce, a good deal of fir, white pine, & and not many deciduous trees. There are however oaks, maples. Betroid & ovate leaved white birch, alders, &c. Low Juniper with berries is abundant on the rocks, and it was plenty by road side some miles back — at a little distance, all the woodland on the long peninsulas that stretch away to the south seems to be covered with evergreens, nor is there much else. Whortleberry bushes & Bayberry bushes, are common, but wild rose rare,

Flowers of meadow Rue, Bristly Sarsaparilla, wild upright Lilies, yarrow, Oxeye daisy (not plenty) Buttercups, Cobsestripe, wild Roses, Self heal, Erigeron stinkweed, and other wild flowers are here.

Canada Thistle is by roadsides here and in almost all parts of Maine where I have been. Some Mullein, Johnswort, steeplebush, spiraea salicifolia, a showy trumpet flower is plenty at Boothbay, purple — an epilobium? I think, The circulata &c.

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Thursday 30 Boothbay.

Yesterday was cloudy but no rain after the morning. It cleared off just at night & the evening was pleasant with sunshine.

It is pleasant this morning, and the water is perfectly still and quiet. I went into the salt water before breakfast, near rocks over the hill westerly where I board at Mr Reynoulds.

Crows I see and hear. Robins and other birds sing, but the birds are the same I hear at home.

Walk to Spruce Point.

This is the south end of the peninsula that is east of Boothbay harbor — about 3 miles as I went. This point is opposite & nearly east of the lighthouse. The point is formed of bare rocks as the coast is in many places: and much of the peninsula is a bed of rocks, partially covered with earth. There is a road in which a carriage may go about 2 miles, where it ceases at a gate. This road went crooking round by the harbor, until recently, it has been changed and a new road made back of the harbor. There are two houses beyond the gate or end of this road, but only a foot path across lots and woods from the gate to the point, near a mile.

There are several large houses on the east side of the harbor for about 3/4 of a mile. South of these are scattered one story houses for more than a mile, not many in all, standing in the lots without any enclosure around them — with no shrub or tree near them; some apple trees, & some have not even an apple tree. Around these buildings are rocks, spots of mowing, patches of corn, gardens &c. The cow is pastured in the highway and woods, though there are a few pastures surrounded with stone wall, &c.

I conversed with some of the occupants of these houses. They told me they cut some hay & raised some corn & potatoes, but depended much upon fishing. One man said he & 3 or 4 more caught 75 quintals of codfish in 5 nights, last year. He said he was going to fishing for hake next week, with others. Fish are high and hake bring 2¼ dollars a quintal

At Spruce point, the light house island is nearly west; Squirrel Island which is quite conspicuous, is a little west of south, say 2 miles off; nearly south and farther off is Damariscove Island. & farther east, Fisherman's Island. Of Linnikins Neck, for so they call the peninsula east of Spruce point & neck, extends I judge, 2 or 3 miles farther south than Spruce point, and it exhibits fine green slopes and farm houses, & is evidently not so rocky as Boothbay. The neck or point that runs down on the west side of Boothbay Harbor, also extends 2 or 3 miles farther south than Spruce point. This however is severed in two by a water passage through it, & thus makes the lower part an island, and perhaps there is another channel forming a second island.

The Rocks at the point are mainly a sort of granite, I suppose, containing much quartz. There and in other places I observe mica slate rocks, not very regular in stratification. In this region, the rocks rise but little above the surface. The roads often pass over large flattish rocks. Large boulders above ground are rare.

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Spruce Point — continued.

The trees on this point and on other parts of this peninsula are mostly spruce, but there are firs, and some birches, pines, &c. Elders are common. I saw in one place a large number of small arbor vitae.

Bayberry bushes are plenty on all of these rocky hills, some with green berries, and many without any fruit. The berries are close together on a short stem.

Tall Whortle bushes are here, & resemble Bayberry bushes, but are much more rare and the berries are in loose bunches. There are some lower whortles, yet green; and some of the very dwarfish blue whortles, about ripe.

Raspberries. I found some near the point — the first ripe berries I have found here except a few blueberries.

The dwarf Cornus. 4 to 6 inches high, is most abundant by the road to the point, and many plants have at the top a cluster of 6, 8 or 10 red berries.

The wintergreen or Checkerberry grows by this road. Also the Prinos in blossom, & Pyrolas in blossom.

A running berry with a small leaf shows blossoms, but it is not common. Brier berries are small & green.

Butterflies.

The yellow species are here; but there is a tawny species or yellowish and brownish with dark spots, which are much more plenty. They are abundant on the blossoms of the Canada Thistle.

Crickets appear to be somewhat numerous today — near a inch long. I had not observed any before.

White Bellied Cliff Swallows. I observed flocks of these on two or three barns, on the east side of the harbor, and they had nests under the eaves. The young had evidently left the nests and were on the barn roofs. Some were on a wall & there fed by the old ones.

Four of these Peninsulas or necks or points did belong to Booth Bay — East one Linnikens neck — 2 one next west, Spruce point, Part of Boothbay Harbor — 3d one is that west of Boothbay harbor, including Islands; 4th is now Southport — And Booth Bay did & still does extend far to the north of all these peninsulas, 4 or 5 miles by one or more — and extends from Sheepscot river West, to the bay on the east side of Linnikens Neck — Only Southport has been set off, including I believe some islands farther east, and I am told that Squirrel Island belongs to Southport.

Trees & Shrubs.

There are some beech trees on the road to Hodgdon's mills, but beeches are uncommon. Sumacs I have seen as ornamental shrubs, but none growing wild. Ash trees, I have seen none but those trans planted. Lilacs are about some houses. But ornamental trees are not common in agricultural towns, though very plenty in Augusta. Balm of Gilead is seen in Boothbay & other towns, as a shade tree not many next to white birches, Oaks are the most common deciduous tree in Boothbay. Next come soft mayples

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Fences in Maine.

many of these are decidedly bad — weak & inefficient. — such merely temporary. There is properly speaking no fencing timber in Maine. The arborvitae, called here cedar, makes good rails & posts, but this is scarce & seldom seen in fences. Mr Reuel Williams has some fences of arborvitae rails. In many places there are no stones for fences. But in parts of most towns there are stones for fences, and in these southern towns, from Dresden here stone are plenty, and especially from Wiscasset here. Yet a large portion of these are large stones imbedded in the ground, & showing themselves here & there on the surface. In many places, however, are plenty of moveable smaller stones.

Stone fences are found in places from Vassalborough to this town; but in some of the towns, no stone walls are seen for a mile or two. Those stone walls in the northern part of Augusta, on the river road, are some of the best walls I have seen. In general the stone walls are thrown or tumbled together — are not laid up. They are crooked and of all widths & heights, and helped out by poles, boards & brush, in many cases. The clay land heaves terribly by the frosts of winter, & racks the stone walls.

Log & pole Fences; meaning logs & small logs or large poles. These are old fences and are generally going to decay — and a large portion have decayed and are gone. Some remain.

Small spruce, white pine & fir poles in straddles are frequently used for fences. Sometimes long poles are fastened horizontally by stakes so as to form a fence. Sometimes short poles 12 or 15 feet long are placed slanting with one on the ground & the other rising perhaps 30 degrees with a pair of stakes about 1/3 or 1/4 of the way from the high end, to keep it in its place. A string of these poles & stakes makes a tolerable fence. Jon Williams has such a fence. Poles are used also to repair other kinds of fences.

Fences of Boards. These vary much. But few of them have boards fastened to posts standing in the ground. The frosts of winter heave out the posts in this clayey soil. Many fences of boards fastened with stakes & withes are seen. In villages, or near them, posts are fastened to a large flat-piece of granite by an iron rod (or more often the iron rod is fastened to the upper rail of a picket or pale fence.

Narrow boards fastened to posts in the ground are not uncommon around small enclosures, near houses.

Pale or picket fences are sometimes fastened to posts in the ground, but in many places, those who can afford it, fasten the rails to blocks of granite by iron rods, & sometimes to wooden blocks.

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Maine Fences—continued.

Stumps of pine trees with the roots turned up form short pieces of fence in many places, but no great extent of fence of this kind is made. They are often helped by poles &c which fill up the vacancies or gaps.

On the whole, the main farm fences are neither handsome, nor lasting, and I should judge that many would be a very imperfect safeguard against unruly animals. There are expensive & good fences in villages.

Fences here at Boothbay.

Stone walls are perhaps the most common, thrown up without science or ingenuity — though the stones are angular & some are flattish, & would make a good wall if well put together. They however answer the purpose, I suppose.

Pale fences, made of horizontal rails or strips, and upright pales nailed to them, but not sharpened at either end, are very common here and at the Centre. The rails are not fastened to posts, but a round rod or bar of iron, from 3/4 to an inch in diameter goes down through both rails or horizontal pieces, into a stone on or in the ground at the bottom. There iron rods which keep the fence upright are placed 10. 12 or 15 feet apart. Such fences are at Augusta & elsewhere. Cost perhaps 1/2 a dollar a rod.

Pole fences, made of slanting poles, & others of horizontal poles are here. The slanting poles are 12 to 15 feet long, & each pole has a pair of stakes, so that the stakes are only about 3 1/2 or 4 feet apart, and the fence is generally 3 poles high, & in some places 4 poles. I have seen them in Augusta with fewer poles. As the lower poles or stakes give way, they place long poles on the top, horizontally and fasten them with stakes; as the fence settles another pole is added, and sometimes a straddle with the limbs on, so that some fences resemble an old brush fence in Hampshire.

There are some short fences here made with pickets & slats, sustained by posts in the ground, but this is not common. McWaymouth's yard has posts in the ground and horizontal boards about 5 or 6 inches wide. The heaving of the ground by freezing is not the only difficulty in regard to posts. In many places the rocks are at the surface, or so near the surface that a post hole cannot be dug.

Geese.

They are not common in Maine, but I have passed several flocks since I have been in the state — one or two in coming to Boothbay. It is rather pleasant to see an old gander leave the flock and come hissing with his neck stretched out, towards the horse and carriage, reminding one of old times like the cowbell.

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Friday 31. Boothbay.

I walked A.M. up to Boothbay Center, and examined the old burying ground a little — distance two miles. I found no stone older than 1771 and 1773. and very few before the revolution. The early stones and some of the later ones are of a dark color, blackish or blueish, but are not slate, I think. Most of the late ones are of white marble. The yard is not in the best order but is less disordered than some.

In returning, I took the road toward Hogdon's mills eastward, made a considerable circuit, and came into the road I had left at the meeting house in this village

After tea, I took the same road at the meeting house and followed it easterly till I came to a road leading south in the woods, and I followed this & some by paths back of the hill, till I gradually reached the top of Pisgah where the house and barn are, and where Rev. John Murray lived. I ought to have turned off sooner, and I should have found a graded road to the summit which Mr. Murray travelled. He had a pretty good farm on the hill and back of it, & he built stone walls that are better than most which I see. The man who now owns the place, & has built a house and barn, told me that the old house built by Mr. Murray was two stories high, and had 4 good sized rooms in each story, and both stories were done off. [He may be mistaken as to this.] It was burnt a few years since. This man said he depended on fishing a good deal for his living, and only partially on his farm. His land was mowing & pasture. Almost all whom I talk with tell me that they go to fishing part of the year, though they have small farms.

More Flowers.

I notice the Golden Rod in flower in several places. The Scabish it is also here. Mayweed plenty in spots Silvery five-finger, and three leaved five-finger. The yellow flowers of the Pond Lily in water that stands in ditches by the side of the road — I notice on swampy land much of the water grass that has little white bunchy that look like cotton at the top - called cotton-grass perhaps. Star flower, begun to show themselves. Eriocaulon Sagosum is very plenty in some mowings. Cowwheat or Melampyrum is plenty.

Grasses.

Herds grass and red and white clover are here in mowings. But light, fine grasses are common on this town of Boothbay, & Edgecombe, as English poa redtop and Danthonia. This latter poverty-grass is very common, & shows that the soil was always lean or is now exhausted — Poa canadensis is very common in low wet land. Calamagrostis grows here. Witch grass is rare. I have seen a little. I have not seen as hear of Anthoxanthum odoratum in any part of Maine.

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Saturday 1st.

The month begins with a rainy A.M. or two's of rain, and a cloudy P.M. Farmers look as if they should never dry their hay. — A good deal, however, was got in yesterday, the day being a tolerable day for hay, though the wind was N.E. It is cool to day, and I have once been to the fire to get warm. Thunder shower in evening.

Walk to Hodgdon's or Hogdons Mills

In the afternoon, I put on Joseph's great shawl, and walked out to these mills, about 3 miles east of the Harbor, where I found a village nearly as large as that at the Harbor, and more compact. It has not so many people as the harbor. Has a meeting house and post-office. It is on Damariscotta river, which is here about a mile wide, and navigable for large ships to Damariscotta 12 or more miles above Hodgdon's mills. It is a bay rather than a river, and has not much fresh water in it. — a little S.E. of the village is the head of Linikens bay or cove, and east of this, Linikens neck, so called 4 years. The village is at the head of the neck and extends down upon the neck some. Its site is high & rocky.

The saw & grist mills, which first began a village here are tide mills. When the tide rises the water is forced through a narrow sluice into a large bason & shut in; when the tide flows back, the stream carries the wheels of the mills. The Saw mill is mostly used for timber for ship building, and the grist mill has but little to do in these days when materials for bread are brought from abroad already ground. — They are concerned here in ship building, in navigation, and in the fisheries. Some large vessels were at the wharves. The workmen seem to be idle, perhaps because of the weather. One with whom I conversed had a rum breath, or a strong breath.

Sandy Soil. Much of the land by the sides of the road was yellowish, sandy, gravelly and pebbly. I have not seen so much of this kind of soil in Maine, though that towards Spruce point is similar, as some of it is. This yellowish soil may be seen in other directions. Yet I think in general there is some clay with it, though much less here than on the Kennebec. It is more adhesive than most of our sandy soils in Massachusetts.

The Rocks are similar here to what they are elsewhere. They form these hills, yet they are mostly covered with earth and grass and plants & trees. They very frequently show themselves on the surface, sometimes two rods square, and from that down to one rod square, 6 feet square and 2 feet square. They do not rise much above the earth & grass — Large Boulders or isolated rocks not in situ, are rare. I have seen a few. Loose stones on the surface are not very plenty; when walls are built nearly all the stones do be taken, and in many places they have not stones enough for heavy walls — Now and then a ledge rises up with a mural front, but such are uncommon.

A large portion of the rocks are probably called granite or gneiss, but is very coarse. Some are micaceous slate. I have noticed granite quarries beyond Pisgah range, where good granite is split out for underpinning, &c. It is of a dark color.

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Saturday 1st. Towards Hodgdon's Mills—cont.

Trees & Shrubs.

Hardwood trees are more common on this route than elsewhere. ~~Hornbeam~~ Chiefly White Birch (mostly ovata,) Oak and Maple—the latter is soft maple generally. There are some large Willows by the road, doubtless set out there; and some Balm of Gilead, which were probably transplanted. I saw a few small wild cherries. Arrow wood or Viburnum dentatum is seen fully berries:—also Pepperbush & Pinos. Tall whortles & Bayberries are very common and the ~~leaves~~ have some resemblance, but the whortle leaves are more pointed. The berries differ in their manner of growing. Red berries of the low ectonus are seen here as elsewhere.

The greater part of the ~~trees~~ on this route, as elsewhere are pointed, tapering Spruces & firs, and white pines not tapering, and a few hemlocks. I noticed once or two red or yellow pines. ——— I noticed some larger trees than I had before seen, but these not very large.

Oak Grove. On the east side of the river, opposite Hodgdons mills, I noticed a small forest, which I was satisfied was composed of deciduous trees, though they were a mile from me; I could see no tapering tops. On inquiry I was told they were oaks. must cover some acres.

Between Pisgah ranged hills, and a range of high land east of it, is an interval, level & quite wet, and covered with grass, some mown & some not. Some of the grass was good for hay, and some was carex or sedge in the lowest part. A brook runs through this interval. A good looking farm was connected with the north part.

The old Story. I asked a man whom I saw in his garden, on this road, among other things, if he went to fishing any. "Yes", he said, "I have been out twice this year." and he expected to go again. He talked very friendly.

Fences on this route were almost all of stone, in many places helped out with poles on the top. There were some pole fences.

Grasses. Not much herds grass—here & there a small piece. There is some clover, red top, English, Danthonia and some others. The Danthonia crop is always thin and light. Ergeron is plenty in some places; also old Dandelion Stalks. Not much oxeye on this route.

Farmers & others say that haying used to be finished by August 1st, and now it is only half done or there about.

The weather is cold to-day & corn does not grow much, if any.

Cows and other animals go in the highways without keepers in all parts of Maine that I have seen. The sight and sound of the cowbell is frequent, and it is rather pleasant being associated with scenes of my youth.

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Saturday 1st.

In the evening there was young Company at Mr. Weymouth's, and they sung psalm tunes accompanied by the Seraphine. There are about half a dozen of these instruments in this village and perhaps as many more elsewhere in the town. Not more than half as many pianos. Seraphines cost about 75 dollars each. They are played with the fingers on keys, as a piano, and wind is furnished by the motion of the feet.

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Meeting Houses. There are five in the town — 2 Congregational, 2 methodist and 1 Baptist — viz 3 at the Centre, 1 at the Harbor, and one (methodist) at the Mills. I am sorry to hear that the Congregationalists and Baptists at the Centre are quarreling about land, on which the Baptist meeting house stands. The Congregationalists doubtless own it according to old laws & courts of Massachusetts, but is hardly worth such a quarrel.

Poverty of Soil. The indications of a lean soil are pretty common here. Juniper bushes are very common but are generally about rocks. Danthonia grass, a sure mark of a lean or exhausted soil is plenty, and occupies a good deal of land. Sweet ferns are here, and thick were some in poor land in Augusta. Brakes are not uncommon on rough land, and are found on stony, inferior soils far to the north, but are more common in this rocky region, resembling many old pastures in my native town. The whortle and Bayberry bushes are not an indication of good soil, yet perhaps they are not confined to lean soils. Some plants seem to be attracted by rocks and perhaps the sea air and spray are favorable to some. There are many fertile spots in this region, which produce good grass, corn, potatoes, &c. Every thing is green now except some old grass, but the season is wet.

Elecampane I noticed today in blossom. Dock and Burdock grow here. Ragweed grows here or wild wormwood, and I notice — pigweed. Heartsease and Arrowmart are weeds in gardens and elsewhere. The old hogweed is here also, or Amaranthus. Some Chickweed, Purslane I do not see. Weeds in gardens are like those at home, only not so many sorts. Pigweed is common on good soil.

More Flowers.
White & purple Thoroughwort are here in wet grounds.
Fringed ..... also in wet ground
Arrowhead is very common in water.
A large species of Erigeron = probably E. annuum.

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Sunday 2. — partly fair — not so cold. Wind S.
Went to the Congregational meeting at the harbor A.M. and P.M. with Mr. Weymouth. Mr. Merrill of Bristol, the next town east, preached good orthodox sermons, Mr. Forbush, the Boothbay minister, supposed to beat Bristol. Congregation rather small, though they considered it fair. They have here and in the other Congregational meeting house, and in the Baptist, for instrumental music, an instrument like a Seraphine but with some addition; one or more of these is called a "Reed Organ" & has small pipes. One cost 150 dollars and another over 100 dollars. There is to the Harbor Organ, which cost 150 dollars, a bass addition played by the foot, which I do not understand.

The congregation stood in the first or long prayer in the old way; I have not seen such an instance before for many years. They sit in prayer in all places where I go, & have for many years, Boothbay excepted.

M. 19. 215 We had a third service at 5½ P.M. Mr Merrill gave us a lecture or discourse on the religious condition of the people of Maine. He stated that after deducting the young, the infirm, the aged, only one third of the remainder attended public worship.

Salaries. No minister is paid over 500 dollars salary in Boothbay. The minister at the harbor has only 400 dollars and houserent & firewood — all called 500 dollars.

Monday 3. Foggy most of A.M. Fair P.M. Fog at sunset.

p. 79 Pianofortes. A young lady here from Waterville a teacher of music, tells me that there are 130 pianos in Waterville, and some Seraphines. — This is a large number for such a place — perhaps there is some mistake. Her name is Bates.

Mr Chadbourne, of Edgecomb, (so he spells it) thinks there are only two or three pianos in that place.

Trees

Mr Chadbourne thinks Edgecomb was never much of a lumber country — that large pines were less plenty there than in Boothbay, the land being more clayey & less sandy. He thinks white pines were the most plenty on sandy, or less clayey soils. He supposes Edgecomb was settled near 120 years ago.

Sawmills

It appears from records that Lumber was an article of some importance in the time of the revolution, in Boothbay, but I cannot ascertain that much was ever sawed here. There was a Sawmill formerly on a stream that comes into the Cove that I was ferried over last week, to the west; but it was only a part of the year. The tidemill at Hodgdons was built a little over 30 years ago. I have seen no stream in Boothbay that would carry a mill.

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Monday 3. Fishermen.

Mr Wentworth informs me that Fishermen at sea live well nowadays — better than when at home. They carry with them Pork, beef, butter, cheese, flour &c. They have a cooking stove onboard, and bake bread, cakes, pies, fry dough nuts, &c.

Ship Timber.

Mr Wentworth, who builds vessels, says much of the timber is brought from Maryland, Virginia &c. The pitch pine of this south is fat and durable; the oak not so lasting as northern oak.

Spruces, he says, make good masts, but are not large enough except for small vessels. They are used for spars or yards. He has seen a Spruce 18 inches in diameter & more, but such trees are not often found.

White Pine is commonly used for masts

Firs. He says he seldom has seen a fir more than a foot in Diameter.

Hackmatacks, he gets from about Bangor. The ribs of his ship which he is building has bottom crotched pieces of oak, but the rest of the ribs or side timbers are hackmatack.

Tuesday 4. Foggy till 10 A.M. Then fair till night

I walked to the east side of the harbor, A.M. thence east over the hill till I came to the end of the road, not a great distance from a branch of Linikin Bay, thence went up to the head of this branch & round it, and then down to a rocky point, where Linikens neck was plain before me and the bay on three sides. This bay like others is very irregular with several branches or arms. I came back the same way I went. There were a few houses on each side of this branch of the bay, and one or two fishermens wharves. There is no road to any of these houses — only a foot path. No wheeled vehicle could get to them. A women told me that they had no difficulty on this account. They had no occasion for wheels, and kept neither horse nor cattle. They used boats a good deal. This women lived in a decent house, & they cut some hay & kept a cow, & had corn, potatoes, &c. but her husband like the rest of the men, was employed a good deal in fishing. — Walk out & back near 4 miles.

Walked P.M. over to a point north of Southport near where I had been before. I took the road at the head of the cove & went north thence about ½ a mile then turned round the head of the next cove, and came back a mile or more to the head of the next cove where I had been before, near a school house. Then went southwesterly to some houses & haymakers north of the Tour right and of the east side of Southport. Saw the great Bay again, & Islands & Sheepscot river. Conversed with the haymakers one of whom was the keeper of the lighthouse in Boothbay harbor. Could see the Bay on the east side of Southport, & the gut north of it. Had not time to cross & visit Southport. A rough rocky country, is Southport.

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Tuesday 4. Walk out West — continued.

Southport, which I did not visit, is composed of islands set off from Boothbay. It includes some islands that incline towards Squirrel Island, and that island also. The inhabitants are almost all fishermen. There is a village on the west side with many vessels. It is said to be one of the most thriving towns in Maine, and from the fishery, chiefly codfish and mackerel.

I came back the same way & crossed the same ferry I did last week. Went in all about 7 miles I suppose; so I have walked 10 or 11 miles today. Discovered nothing remarkable. The same rocky, hilly land, & the same trees & plants in most places as elsewhere. Some fertile spots of land with good crops, and much lean land with rocks & Canthonia. Houses about as usual. I noticed several balm of Gileads. Cows every where in the roads. Good looking cows.

Seaweed. The lighthouse keeper told me he manured land with seaweed, & I heard of others doing it, but I saw no marks of such manuring.

School Houses. I have looked into the windows of several. They seem to be on one plan on the inside. The houses may be 20 feet wide & some a little more. They all have rows of seats & desks on the backside, across the width, made much alike — some 4 & some 5 rows, with 3 or 4 openings, cutting each row into 3 seats or 4 seats. In front of these is the teachers desk, and the stove, and perhaps some low seats for small children. The stove pipe goes up perpendicularly to near the plastering, and then goes back horizontally over the children's heads and then ascends into the chimney, which is at the back end of the school house, not at the entrance end, where it used to be, when fire places were used.

Fish Stands.

A small wharf with a store house on it, and flakes to dry fish on on the land adjoining, is called a fish stand. These stands are plenty in various parts of these bays and coves: and there are many connected with this harbor. They are said to be much more numerous at Southport — The fish are often seen drying on the flakes and in wet weather, and at night, are gathered into heaps and covered with old sail cloth or other cloth. The flakes, made of poles and limbs of trees are 18 to 24 inches above the ground — The small & inferior fish are sent to the west Indies.

One man told me that he had been engaged in catching halibut as well as other fish on the Coast; and that they salted & smoked the halibut & sold them at only 3 or 4 cents per pound. Perhaps they have to go through another operation. He said they smoke them very little.

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Wednesday 5. It rained the latter part of the night, and rains this morning. Rained all A.M. & was cloudy P.M. I did not go abroad.

The Scotch Irish.

Mrs Wentworth, whose parents were Scotch Irish (Fullertons) says these people settled Boothbay. They came originally from the north of Ireland. Mr. John Murray seems to have been their first minister in 1766, but they had been here many years. Possibly he was not the first minister. He was a Presbyterian & so were the people, until he left them in 1779; they then went over to the Congregationalists. Mrs W. says they were a Sunday keeping, psalm singing, praying people — a very devout people she thinks. Her father always read a chapter in the bible and he & his family sung a hymn, before morning and evening prayer. He did not read the bible by course, but selected a chapter, and sometimes read a whole book by course. She has been told that Mr. Murray used to go around to families on Saturday & ask the catechism, or just the questions, to parents and children, at each house, and keep on Saturday after Saturday, till he had gone through the town. He did not collect the children in one place, or several places, to hear them recite the catechism.

The old records of Boothbay from 1765 seem to have been well kept for many years, and the writers were good penmen.

Thursday 6. Fair & pleasant. Wind N.E.

I walked two miles to the Centre, and ascended a pretty high hill just east of the centre. Had a good view of the harbor, islands, and ocean beyond. Could see Sheepscot river nearly west of me, and also farther south & west. The land was north. East was chiefly rough hills. Several white houses & decent looking farms appeared nearly west

The Houses in this region are more than half painted I think — commonly white, but older ones yellow or red. Perhaps 2/3 are painted in this town and Edgecomb — More than 2/3 in all the towns I have been in are only 1 or 1½ story high.

Birds.

I heard the cuckoo and chickadee to day, and yellowbird. Robins, kingbirds, some of the sparrow kind & some wood birds are here. Crows are about the coast. I have not seen a single common barn swallow, and no swallow holes are in barns. Some say that such swallows are here sometimes, and chimney swallows, but I have seen neither. I see no lightning bugs & hear no evening crickets — yet both are sometimes seen & heard, it is said.

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Thursday 6.

Chowder parties are rather fashionable here, and people come from the towns above, and on the Kennebec, and go down the harbor to the islands for fishing and chowder and fun. Some, indeed most, from the Kennebec, came round in steam boats. Some have a chowder in the harbor village, and some buy a chowder dinner at Weymouths or elsewhere. The house was full to day, and they had three or four tables, one after another. These did not go to the islands. Another party from Gardiner has been at an island, & remains here over night, and were here last night.

Brooks. Little streams come in at the upper ends of some of the coves that set up into the land, but I have seen no brook that seemed to be large enough to carry a mill. One of the largest brooks comes into the cove near half a mile N.W. of this harbor, but this is not large. It once had a sawmill on it. There was once, and perhaps is now, a grist mill in the N.W. part of the town, near the Sheepscot perhaps: and there are the tide mills at Hodgdon's on the Damariscotta. I know not how they could have sawed much lumber here 50 years ago, when lumber seems to have been a considerable business.

Friday 7. Boothbay to Augusta.

I go in a stage this morning to Bath. Have been here 9½ days, and have paid my bill 7 dollars, or about 75 cents per day. On the whole I do not seem to be any better than when I came. I was half sick yesterday and could not eat much. This morning is fair & bright and cool.

I came up to Wiscasset by stage 14 miles — The land in Boothbay & Edgecombe seemed rather better than when I went down, that is, there seemed to be more good farms. But rocks & hills were plenty. Clay soil almost all the way, but not so heavy clay as at Augusta, but more sand, gravel & pebbles.

At Wiscasset I took the stage that goes from Rockland to Bath. There seems a good deal of travel on this route, it is the coast route to Boston, Portland &c though some distance from the coast on account of the bays & bodies of water called rivers. We had a stage full and two one horse waggon loads of passengers from Wiscasset to Bath 20 miles. I was in a waggon. It was decent land for some miles, & pretty good farms, though rocks were abundant in some places and uneven, hilly grounds. Here were some of the original log fences — two large logs made a fence or one large log & two small ones or poles. Much stone wall, some slab fence, pole fence & stump fence.

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Friday 7. Wiscasset to Bath.

The land the latter part of the way is not so good as the first part, or is more broken & rough. Or Wiscasset is better than Woolwick. Of the 10 miles about half seemed to be in Woolwich, which lies on the Kennebec. The timber on these ten miles is more of it hardwood than in Edgecombe & Boothbay, yet most of it is composed of evergreens. White pine is more plenty here than there, & hemlock also. The hardwood was mostly soft maple, and red & white oak. In one place was considerable white oak, yet most of the oak was red. There were a few Walnut Trees, the first I have seen in Maine. Birches were not plenty. I believe there were some ash & beech trees. — People were haying here as elsewhere, & considerable grass was not cut. Some good pieces of hard grass, but much of the finer grasses. The miserable Denthonia was in some places.

We passed a body of water, brook or cove, on the line between Wiscasset & Woolwich, and before we reached the Kennebec, a bay set up & round our road. It is an arm of the Strait or gut between Woolwich & Arrowsick. The land in the latter was in sight. A road was made across the upper part of this bay less than 20 years ago by casting in earth & stone. Previously the road from Wiscasset to Bath went farther north, where is the principal village of Woolwich.

Bath seen across the river, seems a populous & extensive place. It extends a good ways up & down the river, but is rather narrow. The shops & streets indicate that it is a place of a good deal of business; as do the vessels at the wharves & elsewhere. I did not examine it much.

Bath to Brunswick, 9 miles

I have been on this route before. It is a broken rocky region, with some swamps & bodies of water. Few or no houses for some miles. We crossed the Androscoggin perhaps 2 miles before we came to Brunswick village. No, it was some other body of water. We could not have crossed the Androscoggin. Much of the land seen in Brunswick is a level, sandy plain, with yellow & white pine trees. Some is clayey however. The rail road crosses the eastern part of the village. To the westward is the main village, connected by a bridge with Topsham, a village on the north side of the Androscoggin. The rail road bridge is lower down.

P.S. Joseph says I mistake the points of compass at Brunswick — That the main village & bridge are north of the rail road instead of west. It may be so. I think northwest however.

There is a considerable village at Gardinerstown north of Topsham, some distance from any river. Richmond on the Kennebec is a large village — no more till Gardiner. There is a good deal of rather smooth, wood country between Brunswick & Richmond, with some streams of water.

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Friday 7 — continued

Brunswick to Richmond & Augusta.

Much of this region is divested of trees, and is in grass. Fencing stuff is scarce, and there are many dandy fences. I observed considerable of the fence with triangular posts, & the narrow boards nailed on the outside slanting posts. Haying going on here and even where.

The cars come to the river at Richmond, and above there are near the river, with hills above them on the west. Below Gardiner, begin to show themselves, immense numbers of logs by the side of the river, & some on the opposite side, and they continue in spots almost to Augusta. A large portion of these logs are small. Lumber is said to be dull, & this makes dull times in Maine.

I could see the upper part of the island opposite Richmond. It was fresh & green with two hours or more, and one or two decent farms, I should judge.

I reached Augusta about 4 P.M. and found Joseph at the depot. Hoshni had not come though he had been expected some days. All were as I left them

The new discoveries of wickedness in N York as exhibited by Mrs. Cunningham & others, are just now the subject of wonder and astonishment. Dr. Catlin, implicated in the affair is an old acquaintance of our family & friends in Brooklyn, & he used to board with J. Walker.

(cup. 2.) Expenses since I came to Maine.

I brought home money 34.91. Sold stamps 3c.		34.94.
Paid out for horse at Annual Spring	4.16	
Paid 3 ferriages over a cove at Boothbay.	0.17.	
Stage fare from Boothbay to Wiscasset	0.75	
Stage fare from Wiscasset to Bath	0.75	
Cake at Bath	0.07	
Rail road fare from Bath to Augusta	0.80	
9½ days board at Boothbay	7.00	
	9.70	9.70
On hand August 8. 1857		$25.24
Spent at Waterville. aug. 12.	8c.	
Coloring 3 pairs stockings &c.	30c	
apples on way	2c	
Rail Road from Augusta to Reading	$3.00	
Victuals in Boston Augt 17 & 18,	15	
3 Tickets from & to Boston	1.05	Parkman gave two more.
Paid Historical Society for 4 years. Aug 17,	12.00.	
Paid fare to Northampton	3.35	
Food 4c Trunk home 25.	29	
	20.24	20.24
Brought home Aug 1. just		5.00.

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Saturday 8. Fair day.
I was reading & writing at Joseph's & some at Jane's.

Sunday 9.
I came up from Boothbay, not hardly as well as when I went down, and did not go to meeting any where to-day — Walked up to the grove east of Joseph's house, towards night.

Monday 10. Sunshine & haze.
Called at Mr Reuel Williams, & at Jane's
Rain and Wind in the night.

Tuesday 11. Partly fair — cool.
Writing &c. at Joseph's. Called to see Mrs Sarah Bridge, Joseph's sister.

Wednesday 12. Fair, pleasant, rather cool.
Joseph was requested to attend Commencement at Waterville College, as Governor, or because he was governor. I and Asphia & grand daughter Asphia went upon the cars with him; and Arethusa & Jane rode up with Mr Williams's horse and carriage. All except Joseph stopped at a public house on this side of the river in Winslow, only a few rods from the old Block House at Fort Halifax. The females remained there & took dinner and did not go over the river. I was ferried over the river, and walked about the village of Waterville considerably. Went to the colleges in the northern part of the village — three brick buildings pleasantly situated, near the Kennebec. I returned to the Baptist Meeting house, where the Commencement exercises were performed, & remained about half an hour in the gallery. I heard a part of three Orations but there was so much noise around me, that I could understand but little of what they said. One was upon Lord Byron. The house was very full and many people were in the streets and about public houses. I returned over the Railroad bridge, which is used by footmen; the common bridge having been partly carried away last Spring. I rode home with Arethusa in the carriage from 4 till 7; and Joseph, Asphia, Jane and little Asphia came down in the cars between 6 and 7.

Waterville is an extensive, pleasant village and seems to be a place of some business, perhaps a good deal. It is not so high as Augusta, but has a much better site, having no steep hills. There were many shops; a side dam along the Kennebec gives considerable water power. — There are Falls or Rapids in the river at Waterville, with roaring and foaming over the brown rocks or ledges in the river. The stones look like mica slate.

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Wednesday 12. Up the River, continued.

Waterville seems to be a fine farming town but I know not its extent; has fine grass fields and no steep hills like Augusta.

Shade trees in Waterville were elm & maple generally — elm very common. Some Ash & Locust, &c and some evergreens. Woods about here on both sides of river have many deciduous trees and White Pines, and pewer pointed tops than lower down the river. In going up in the cars, I saw very many Butternut trees near the river; these trees were plenty at Winslow and some on the carriage road home. I had before seen very few Butternuts in Maine.

Burying Yard in Waterville, near Baptist M. House This was not very old; oldest stones 30 or 40 years old. Some were of a blueish color, 1 to 2 inches thick, seen as I have seen elsewhere; but almost all were of white marble, as elsewhere. The ground was much overgrown with herbs of various kinds, and among others, was much of the forked Andropogon 5 or 6 feet high, the first Andropogon I have seen in Maine. There was some Dandelion.

Soil in this region has more sand than in Augusta, still clay predominates in most places

Rail Road from Augusta to Winslow is near the river, but not right on the bank. There is generally a flat or gentle ascent 6, 8 or 10 rods wide, next to river, and then a steep ascent, making plenty of room for a rail road on the flat. In the upper part of the way, the hills recede and are less high, on both sides the river and farms show themselves. Waterville & Winslow are on this lower land, though somewhat elevated above the river.

Logs and poles in rafts and in a more loose state, are seen on the river, nearly all the way from Augusta to Waterville — Here as below Augusta, a large portion of the logs are small, and mingled with them are many short poles. I see no logs 3 feet in diameter, and very rare, one two feet, and but a small part are 18 inches. I think half or more do not exceed a foot in diameter, at the biggest end. Knots are very plenty on most logs.

Farms up the River

Augusta, Vassalborough & Winslow on east side of river, and Augusta, Sidney & Waterville on west side, are fine agricultural towns. As I came home, I passed through a succession of fine farms, green slopes, pleasant situations and could see an abundance of pleasant farms and good lands on the west side of the river; and I am told that such lands or better continue far above Waterville.

Friend Lang, as they call him, has fine lands and buildings in N. Vassalborough

Wednesday 12. Up the river — continued.

The Sebasticook river unites with the Kennebec at Winslow, near a mile below the Falls, or over half a mile. This is a considerable stream. Logs are sent down this river.

Block House.

The old block house built by Massachusetts in 1754 is still standing. It is on the point of land between the Sebasticook & Kennebec, perhaps 15 or 18 rods above the Kennebec, on or near the bank of the Sebasticook. It is two stories high the upper one projecting about 16 inches above the lower one on all sides. The lower story I judge is a little over 20 feet square on the outside say 22 or perhaps 24 feet. Each story is about 7 feet high, or a little more including timbers — whole height to eaves about 17 feet, I judge.

This block house is built of hewn pine logs, from a foot to 16 inches square, laid close. They are about 11 or 12 inches one way, that is, the ends are so thick, but the other way, they are as large as the log would hew. Are closely framed & dovetailed at the corners — much alike in both stories. The roof is hipped or 4 square, the timbers meeting at a point in the top. The timbers of the roof, most of the boards and some shingles remaining.

There is one door below, hung with iron hinges, made of two thicknesses of two inch plank; was about 4 inches thick — not quite that now. There is also a similar door place in upper story but the door is gone — Stairs from lower to upper story remain — In lower story is one hole 2 or 2½ feet square, on west side towards the Kennebeck — perhaps was a place for a cannon. And there are 2 or 3 small holes, through which a gun could be discharged, that is, a musket. There are 4 holes above nearly square, one each side, of different dimensions — largest about 2 feet square; others less. There are also several narrow oblong holes, higher up, 4 or 5 inches wide and two to 3 feet long — The sleepers below are about a foot square, and above say 10 inches. Floors of plank or very thick boards

There is no place for a fire — no appearance that fire was used in the building. Tradition says the block house was used as a place for ammunition, provisions, &c. & not to reside in. Into the outside of the building, men & boys have fired many bullets, & many have been cut out.

Two or three rods from the block house stands a modern red storehouse or shop. Old people say that formerly the old fort or place where the garrison lived stood over the cellar that is under this shop. a larger building than the block house, built of logs also.

At Augusta, the same year 1754, was built 2 block houses and fort. The latter is now a dwelling house; the former have been demolished — one was standing 30 years ago — was longer than that at Winslow. Both were longer than that — were alike. Last was taken down to make a stable

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Wednesday 12 — Up the River — continued.

Corn looks well up the river — generally shows the silks. Will hardly get ripe this cool season.

Haying is not completed, though the greater part is gathered. Grass standing or mown may be seen still on most farms — not all. Some hay grass has stood so long that it is bright colored — An abundance of smooth mowing fields. They could use the mowing machine here. They have horse rakes.

Some Wheat & Barley can seen; and more Oats. They have begun to harvest Oats & Barley — seem to mow them.

Up the river, I saw Swedish Turnips, Carots, &c. in pretty large patches.

Orchards. The old ones are not thriving; have many dead limbs. Apples are not plenty. I think Apple trees fail here sooner than in Massachusetts; do not grow so large here as there.

By the sides of the road is abundance of Elecampane, & much more Canada Thistle (some with seeds now flout in the air & some blossoms are out.) considerable yarrow & mayweed and golden rod and other herbs.

Gardens in Waterville contain many flowers, though generally the common kinds.

Houses. In Winslow & Vassalboro' are many large houses, and two story houses not so large; and on the West road in Augusta also; houses are larger than farther south and east. many large barns.

Trees & Woods in these upper towns seem to be more deciduous and white pine than in towns below Augusta, or those near the coast. Much fewer of pointed tops in the upper towns. Some fine deciduous & white pine woods near Friend Leavitt's in Vassalboro.

The trees do not offer much diversity in Maine. Red & White Oaks, but chiefly red, white birches, soft maples, and about houses Sugar maples, beech and Ash in some places, Elms, Buttermut, and a few more sorts, also all the deciduous trees I have seen.

Fences up the river. They get more arbor vitae up the river & see rails of this timber which they call cedar, and posts, and ties for railroads, and logs & poles. I saw one piece of virginia fence, made not with rails but with poles near 15 feet long. Their rails when they get them are laid in a straight fence resting on pairs of stakes placed upright. Then are also posts & rails, fences with crom posts; board fences; and stone walls & half walls. also stump fences. Some of the stone walls are pretty good. Stones are more flat up the river.

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Thursday 13. Cloudy all day & some rain. Heavy rain in the night with some thunder and lightning. I & wife were at tea at Jane's.

Friday 14. Cloudy A.M. mostly fair P.M. and quite warm. Thermometer at 86. I was at Mr Reuel Williams' party P.M.

We were at tea at Mr. Caldwells, a neighbor of Joseph's, and others were there. We had a pleasant party and a supper that was good.

Saturday 15. I am preparing to leave here for Reading to day. Wife and Althusa will stay longer.

Green corn is for sale here, said to be raised in this vicinity.

Shelled beans, we have had at Joseph's two days.

New Potatoes are plenty. Vines or tops of potatoes are dieing in some places. Joseph's has a piece in this state.

They are mowing Oats & Barley. They mow these crops here & dry them as they do hay, and cock them up & put them into a mow in the barn like hay. At least they so harvest Oats. and some do barley. But there is not much barley.

Spring Wheat, not very common, is not yet ready for Harvest.

Indian Corn has a fine appearance but is backward, and will hardly get ripe, I fear.

Apples do not promise an abundant Crop.

Tomatoes of good size are seen, but are all green

Flowers in Aphia's flower garden, are Pinks, some of tall pinks, red & white, still remain. Phlox. Low Drummond, tall White, & tall purple. Mignonette, Nasturtion, Phacelia, Larkspur Violets, Canterbury bells & other bells. Achillea so called. and some others. Asters. sweet peas.

Tiger Lily. I have seen as yet but a single blossom and that was in coming from Winslow.

Hollyhocks are common.

On the way

Tiger lilies showed themselves in New Hampshire and Massachusetts, and Mr Dimon at Reading had a great profusion. Tall Phlox also appeared but seemed not quite as common as the Lily.

Potatoes did not seem diseased, but I could not see them very distinctly.

Tiger Lilies & Phlox of 2 or more colors are very common in Reading, and are seen in other towns, where flowers are seen.

On the road from Reading to Boston are abundance of a blue flower, which Pratt says is called succory. Also of yellow sea-side, or something similar. In Reading Mountain ashes are full of yellowish or reddish berries.

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Saturday 15. A pleasant day. Not very warm. I left Augusta in the cars at 1/4 o'clock A.M. and reached Portland in about 3 hours. Reached Reading at 7 o'clock, and found C. Parkman at the Station. He and I carried my trunk to his boarding house, Mr Damon's.

Observations on the Way.

The country is not seen much till we leave the river at Richmond. The Island opposite Richmond is in sight, and the north end quite broad, and appeared green & pleasant. At Bowdoinham village is pretty large stream of water, with logs and poles, which had been floated down. The stream appears in other places by the side of the rail road.

The logs in the Kennebec are abundant. I noticed hardly any, perhaps none that were two feet in diameter, and but few over 18 inches; a large portion are not over a foot in diameter. There are very many mere poles; in some places many logs & poles of arbor vitae, which are used for various purposes, but probably are not sawed.

Clayey soil predominates all the way to Portland, but there is much sandy soil at Brunswick, and spots of sandy land both north and south of Brunswick. There is good land, & fine farms in the towns towards Portland.

Portland to Massachusetts.

West of Portland occurs a miserable soil for some distance, with little growing upon it. It may be in Cape Elizabeth or Scarborough or both. About Scarborough depot there is better land and decent farms. Not far west of this depot occurs a very extensive Salt Marsh on both sides the rail road; I seldom see so large a salt meaving. Much of it was in the stack or cock, but more or less not yet mowed. MM. 18, 125

From this marsh to Saco is a poor country with few clearings, and small trees and brush. Saco & Biddeford are large places, and must be places of much business. The rail road goes N. of them, but they are in sight. From these places to Kennebunk Station, the country is still poor, but grows some better, & more habitations are seen. The station has little around it but trees & shrubs, and Kennebunk village, a thriving place, I did not see at all. A similar country continues to Wells Station. There are some decent farms about here, & some poor land. I saw no York Station. The lands in N. & S. Berwick are better than farther east. In proceeding from Portland to New Hampshire, the land is best in the western part.

Portland to New Hampshire.

The woods are generally evergreen, where there is any thing that can be called woods. The trees in sight are all small. I saw in swamps some Hackmatacks. White pines and hemlocks are more numerous than in many places. White & Acid birches spring up abundantly in many places. There are some oaks, elms, maples, beeches, ashes, &c but evergreens predominate. In some places in Western Maine the small trees stand very thick, as do the white cedars in Massachusetts. Is the white cedar here?

The soil from Portland to N. Hampshire is sandy, as far as I can judge, but not without spots of clayey soil. Stony in places but in general free from stones. There are some swamps.

New Hampshire

The soil in New Hampshire is, for the most part, better than that of Maine beyond, and of Massachusetts this side. Rather sandy, I think, but with some spots of clay. There are apparently many pleasant farms. The land is not stony, though in places there are stones enough for walls. In general, the slopes are gentle and the surface smooth. Where there are pieces of woods or forests, they are evergreen almost entirely; but the trees in the open lands, & by fences, &c. are mostly deciduous, as oak, elm, maple, birch, &c. The Walnut seems somewhat common here. White pine is very common & some yellow pine. The trees in evergreen woods grow very thick in some places, like the white cedars.

Fencing stuff is as scarce in New Hampshire as Maine, nearly; though I saw some Virginia fences made of small rails & some post & rail but not much of either of these sorts. Triangular fences are common by the rail roads in both Maine & New Hampshire, but I noticed none away from the rail road; had no opportunity to observe interior fences. In Maine the narrow boards are nailed on the outside slant of the triangle, leaning to the lots; in New Hampshire they are nailed on the inside slant of the posts leaning towards the road.

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Sunday 16. Pleasant & cool.

Forenoon. I attended meeting with Parkmen at the first Cong. Church, and in the afternoon at the second — both orthodox; in Reading.

M. 19.180. Took tea at Mr Minots, and after tea visited the scene of the late tornado, not half a mile from Mr Minots. The fury of the wind on trees houses, barns, and one large School house, has not been exaggerated. A great number of persons were viewing the effects of this powerful whirlwind.

Mrs. Dawes & her daughter Sarah board at Mr Damons; they took tea with us at Mr Minots (Mrs Minot is daughter of Mrs Dawes) and also Mrs. Dawes son, Rev. Thomas Dawes, & his wife.

Monday 17. Cool, cloudy, & some rain P.M. Rainy evening and night.

I went to Boston in the morning with Parkmen — Was at Hist. Society's Library and elsewhere till 5 P.M. when I returned to Reading with G. P.

Tuesday 18. Cloudy till towards night, & a little drizzle. Mostly clear at 5.

I went to Boston & was at Hist. Society's Library most of the time. Called to see my old friend Rev. J. B. Felt, at the Congregational Library, Chauncey Street. Came home at 5.

M. 18.125] Salt Meadows. These between Reading and Boston are in general not mown. The mowing has been begun in several places, but only a small part is yet mown. The short fine grass seems to be thick and much of it green, but more or less is dark colored. The tall grass by the sides of the water, &c. is all green, & seems not to have fully headed out.

Mowings, pastures, hills, roadsides — every thing is green this wet season.

On this road to Boston most of the forests of small trees are evergreens. White pines the most common. Some red cedars as seen. These forests are on and about rocky heights.

Deciduous trees on this road, growing spontaneously are Oaks, white deltoid birches, soft maples, ashes elms, and some button woods & wild cherries. I saw one good sized Chestnut tree full of burrs.

There are some apples and a few peaches in this region, but both rather scarce.

Canker Worms have been here some, and some trees are tarred, but only one orchard is said to have been made brown by them, this season.

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Tuesday 18—continued.

Spent the evening up to Mr. Pitman's, with the Dawes' friends.

Crickets here are few and faint in the evening. There is no such noise as we have in Northampton from them.

Grasshoppers make their che-che-che noise as in Northampton, but rather faint.

Lightning Bugs have ceased for the season, I presume.

Katadids do not belong to this region, but are in Brookline. Mr Dawes says

House flies } These are not plenty here, nor were they in Maine. May be more so at home.

Autumnal Colors hardly appear. Yet I think a few maple limbs have changed color, but are not red. White deltoid birches had yellow leaves at August 7, and I see some such here, but not conspicuous.

A letter from Montreal of Aug. 11. says the Maples show red and dry yellow leaves. These changes begin in the more northern, colder regions sooner than here.

Wednesday 19. A pleasant day—not very warm.

I came home to day, having been absent 6 weeks and one day. Went into Boston with Parkman, & then remained about an hour in Historical Library. Then came to the Depot of the Fitchburg Rail Road, & started for home at 11. A.M. Reached Greenfield about 4¼ P.M. and remained there an hour or more. Came to Northampton a few minutes after 6. Found Peninnah and all things comfortable.

Remarks on the Way Home.

The cars go so fast that the observation of objects is somewhat confused & unsatisfactory.

From Charlestown to Waltham there are many places where the soil is now good and the crops good—many market Gardens I judge. From Weston on to Fitchburg the soil is most of it poor, though not destitute of fertile spots. Concord & the lands around it are below or ordinary. Leominster is perhaps as good a town as any on the route.

The trees from Charlestown to Fitchburg are oak, white birch, mostly deltoid, maple, mostly soft, ash, walnut, elm, white & yellow pine, hemlock red cedar. I first noticed a Chestnut tree in Littleton, these trees not plenty. Some wild cherry. The walnuts were most plenty on lower part of the route. All the trees seen are small. Much of the wood in rail road sheds is from small trees or staddles.

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Wednesday 19. On the way Home.

The country from Fitchburg to Greenfield, 56 miles is mostly a wretchedly poor country where the rail road goes — stony, hilly, lean rough, swith many swamps. Some lands in sight are better. Poor, sandy soil in Montague. Brush, brakes & small trees are common. A great deal of the land is covered with brush, or small shrubs and trees, and is neither woodland nor pasturing. The trees are white & yellow pine, hemlock, some spruce & shackmatack, white birch, beech, chestnut, ash, oak, elm, and I think white cedar very thick in places — am not certain. Yet in this desolate region are spots of good land, in most or all of the towns.

Fences between Boston & Con. River are stone walls to a great extent, laid up without much care, but some posts & rails are seen, and some board fences. Some Virginia fence.

The earth, so far as it can be seen where excavations are made is composed chiefly of sand, gravel and pebbles with very little adhesive matter. The little soil at the top is every where thin; but it may be of greater thickness in swamps and low lands. One is inclined to wonder how so lean a soil, based on sand, gravel & small stones, should yield so much as it does.

Haying was going on in various places on this route, but it was on low, wet lands. It was the first crop.

Apples were not plenty on the sides of the railroad, but here and there a tree was pretty full.

The rainy season makes almost every thing green; even the old pastures are pretty green. The dead, dry grasses in pastures seemed to be the redtop, and Danthonia. Much of these is seen but I think most of the former.

Here as in Maine are very many one story houses or 1½ story, both in farming towns & villages, but I think two story houses are more plenty than in Maine. Old houses with one chimney in the middle are not rare, where old houses remain.

Tobacco and Broom corn I first saw on the route between Northampton and Greenfield. Quite a number of pieces of tobacco.

Tiger Lilies, and Phlox of two or three colors, I observed all the way from Maine to Northampton — not on every town, but in most towns. Very plenty at Reading. I see them here at Northampton in many gardens.

The Succory & Scabish continued on the road this side of Boston some miles; Golden Rod was seen most of the way — Star flowers very rare. A species of Cinquefoil with purple flowers was common in low wet land.

en afflicted for 13 years with a cough and
and for five years spitting of blood and
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ven physicians—they all gave me up as incurable;
he last physician I had was Dr. Murphy; I received
little benefit from him; his cough troubled me most at
night; about 11 o'clock. I would commence coughing
and cough for hours, the matter I raised sunk in the
water. Dr Murphy gave me up and told me my dis-
ease was constitutional, and I could not be cured. My
husband called up Dr. Finkell, who had cured by
this Balm. He spoke so highly of it, and said if I
used it and received no benefit from it, he would pay
for it. My husband immediately sent for three bot-
tles; I requested Dr. Murphy to visit me while using
this Balm. The first bottle made no change; second bottle
I raised a pint of matter with large green scales; in
days after taking first bottle, and using it according to
directions, I was cured and restored to better health
than I have enjoyed for eighteen years, with the ex-
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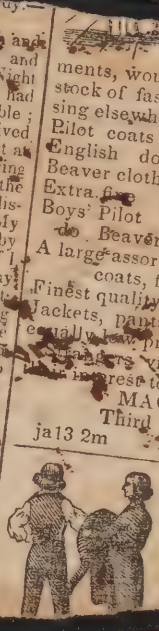

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Thursday 20. Rain in the night and towards noon, and very heavy rain soon after dinner. There is no end to the rain this season. Very bad for hay makers. Some are trying to gather oats — Rowen in this place is stout or becoming heavy. Not much cut yet.

Rowdyism & incendiarism are yet rife. Some drunken Irishmen have dreadfully beaten one of our quiet citizens (Daniel Kingsley) and assailed others. Last evening, one of the barns of H.K. Starkweather was set on fire & burnt.

Crickets here have a regular evening song, but their noise is not so loud as in past years

Katydids, I do not hear. Pin says she has heard none about here though they have been plenty in years past. Pin heard them in Pleasant street about a week ago. P.S. They were here July 24.

House flies are here, but not so abundant as in some years in August. Many more than at Reading & Augusta.

Muskeetoes, I have not seen nor heard, but they are doubtless about us.

Very small red ants have troubled pin some.

Son Parkman and his intended, Sarah H. Daines, arrived about half past 6 P.M.

Friday 21. Fair & pleasant

The Harvest fly I hear. Pin says he has been here some days.

Swallows. I see no Chimney nor barn swallows. They must have gone south I think, but it is very early for them to depart. P.S. Aug. 22. I hear & saw swallows.

The Rye Harvest, I understand, was much injured by foul weather & much rye was grown.

Oats have also been injured, and are now being harvested in wet weather in some places.

Garden Vegetables of most kinds are in the market and in my garden, as corn, shell beans, squashes, cucumbers, beets, &c.

Whortleberries seem plenty enough at 8 to 10 cents per quart.

Dewberries or Running berries are sold at 6 cts per quart.

Potatoes. They ask by the peck 83¢ to 1.00 per bushel.

Tomatoes. Very few are ripe. I have no ripe ones.

Apples. They sell poor apples at 25¢ to 33¢ per peck some are cheaper. Some are pretty fair.

Peaches. A few come from N. York. None can ripe here.

Hibiscus or Althea seems in full blossom nearly in Miss Jewett's garden.

Bouncing Bet continues to blossom in front of my house and elsewhere.

Gladiolus. Blossoms are plenty.

Garden. Every thing in my garden has grown luxuriantly this rainy season, but some things incline more to stems and leaves than fruits. In some places, there is such a tangled mass of vegetation that I cannot get about.

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Saturday 22. Cloudy & cool. S.E.
I weighed ~~today~~ to day only 140 pounds, having lost 8 pounds since I went to Maine. I lost flesh when at Rockport & elsewhere in 1853. but did not become quite as light as I now am - weighed I think about 144 pounds.

My appetite has not been good in my absence yet I could generally eat a small meal without inconvenience, and was not sick at any time. Could walk, write, read, &c. and felt pretty well, but at times rather weak. Have at times had some pain or uneasiness in my right side, & something unpleasant in region of hips & kidneys. Do not understand why I am dyspeptic - and why I am more so in Spring & Summer, when I exercise much abroad, than in winter when I am more sedentary.

Sunday 23. mostly cloudy. some drizzle, and a heavy shower about 2½ O. clock Fair towards night.
I attended Edward Church a.m. The new Hadley minister preached. Parkman & Sarah went to the Unitarian with Peninah. In the P.M. I and Parkman went to the old Meetinghouse - the first time I have been there since I left them. A promising young man preached, said to be a candidate.

Monday 24. Cool, fair & pleasant. Wind N.W.
Hoppin came at 8. P.M. having left Augusta at 3½ this morning.

Tuesday 25. A fine, pleasant day; N.W.
Hoppin left us at 6 P.M. for New York.

Wednesday 26. A fine, pleasant warm day. S.W. &c

Thursday 27. Fine pleasant day. S.E.
I and Parkman & Sarah Dawes started in a carriage at 9 A.M. Went to Shiras Lyman's and staid an hour. Rev George Lyman & wife were there. Sister Lyman seems to have failed some. We next proceeded west to the Williamsburg road and followed that through Pogue's Hole and by where late Samuel Pomeroy lived; & on to Oliver Clark's that way by another road, & up north to old Lyman place, and to my father's old place. We there ate our dinners in the carriage. I called at the house now occupied by Elihu Bartlett & son. We proceeded to the middle of the town and stopped at Doct. & sister Hooker's; having also stopped a short time in the grave yard on the way. Left sister Hooker about 5 after taking tea. I also called upon John A. Judd and Anson Chapman. We stopped about half an hour at brother Parsons, & came in through Florence, and passed by the house where Hall used to live. Reached home about 8.

Found that wife, Arethusa & Appphia had reached home this afternoon as we expected. They left Augusta yesterday at 11. A.M. & staid in Boston last night

Thursday 27. Westhampton, &c

Trees & Shrubs are very green; and grass is greener than usual, though the Dandelion is conspicuous in many places. So much rain keeps every thing fresh.

Apples are not plenty any where, but some trees have a tolerable supply. Peaches are still more scarce.

Corn looks well, but is not forward enough in most places, & may be injured by frost.

Potatoes look well, but in some pieces the tops are turning black — perhaps the effects of disease.

Haying. Some have begun to mow rowen, and some have not finished the first crop on low, wet land.

Buckwheat is all in blossom — very white, chiefly in Northampton; some in E.H. &c.

Wild Flowers. Golden Rod is the most common. Star flowers begin to show themselves. Yarrow, white & purple Thoroughwort, meadow sweet, and other sorts are seen.

Tiger Lily and Phlox are common in gardens, especially the former — in all these towns are some.

Tall Blackberries show themselves by the sides of the road, but the greater part are not yet ripe. Some are ripe.

Swallows have not yet left us in Northampton. I saw some white bellied swallows to day, in another town.

Evening Noises.

The crickets have their regular cre-cre, or the usual fall noise.

Katydids are in Pleasant Street and a very few opposite my house, — not so plenty as they used to be.

The che-che-che, a low sound which I attribute to grasshoppers, is always heard in the evening.

The Erigeron Canadense, a tall mean plant is now in blossom, & is very plenty.

Friday 28 Heavy rain in morning with wind, and the rain continued most of A.M. Partly fair P.M. I called to see a daughter of my former cousin Rev. Sylvester Burt, at Thomas Bridgman's. She is 16 years old — has two brothers and two sisters.

Saturday 29. Mostly fair. Winds S. and S.W.

Sunday. 30. Pleasant & cool.
all but wife went to meeting A.M. None went P.M.

Monday 31.

August 1857.

Monday 31. Mount Holyoke, &c

P.M. Parkman and I walked over to Hockanum and Arethusa and Sarah rode over through Hadley. I and Parkman & Sarah ascended Holyoke by the old path. After remaining about 2 hours, we descended and took tea at brother Johnsons. Came home in the early part of the evening.

From the mountain, all vegetation looks fresh and green; and the mountain all looks green from the meadow.

On the Hockanum Road.

Indian Corn is generally forward enough for roast ears, & some pieces are more advanced and have ears that are becoming hard. I am told that some corn is more backward, being too small for roast ears. Kernels just forming.

Broom Corn has generally begun to put forth its panicles; but few or no panicles are fully out and spread. The bush will be good but the seed will hardly get ripe.

Potatoes. Dead, black potatoe tops are seen in several pieces; whether this be all disease or part of it age & maturity, I cannot tell.

Grass. The second crop looks well, in upper or ploughed meadow, and in Middle meadow. So much rain makes grass grow, & there will be much rowen.

In the meadow, grasshoppers, crickets and yellow butterflies were abundant, though not unusually so. Grasshoppers were plenty on the top of Holyoke. When we came home Katydids were very noisy on Pleasant Street. Cricket noise as usual.

On the top of Holyoke.

Erigeron Canadense & Silver Cinquefoil were most abundant on the summit. It was covered with them, on rocks & on earth.

Hair bells are still seen on the rocks.

Wild Sunflowers are plenty near the summit. yellow Golden Rods, and white flowers akin to Golden Rods, are plenty.

Common grasses & clover grow on the summit. Other flowers & herbs are there. The wet season has made plants grow abundantly when they are generally dried up at this season.

Ragweed is common — on the mountain & in meadow.

The Nettle Tree on the top is full of green berries. It is 3 or 4 inches in diameter & about 10 feet high.

I noticed no changed colors on the mountain, in the trees & shrubs, except here & there a diseased limb, or a limb turned brown by a worm's nest, or made bare by worms.

The Meadows seen from the mountain had some shades of green. Grass meadows were quite green. Corn & broom corn not so green; stubble fields still less green.

August 1857

Thermometer

		Sunrise	1 P.M.	9 P.M.	
Saturday	1	62.	78.	64	
Sund	2	57.	87.	61	
	3	55.	82.	65	
	4.	59.	86.	68	
	5	65.	75.	67	
	6	61.	79.	66	
	7.	60	83.	68.	
	8.	61.	(85)	70	
Sund	9	65.	79.	61	
	10.	58.	77.	64.	
	11.	63.	79.	61	
	12	53.	76.	65	
	13.	63.	76.	75	
	14.	71.	(91).	74	
	15.	73.	78.	67	
Sund	16.	62.	76.	61	
	17	58.	64	63	
	18	57.	68.	58	
	19.	53.	74.	61	
	20.	59.	65.	61	Rainy.
	21.	58.	74.	62	Fair — S.E.
	22.	54.	74.	60	Cloudy — S.E.
Sund	23.	59.	73.	58	— Cloudy & Little Rain & shower.
	24.	56.	69.	52	— Fair & pleasant. N.W.
	25.	47.	76.	61	— Fine pleasant day. S.W.
	26.	51.	80.	63	— Fine pleasant day. S.W. & c
	27.	50.	76.	64	— Fine pleasant day S.E.
	28.	63.	76.	68	— Heavy rain A.M. Some fair P.M.
	29.	66.	79.	62	— mostly Fair S. & N.W.
Sund	30	58.	71.	58	— Fair & pleasant. N.W.
	31.	51.	77.	61	— Fair & pleasant. N.W.
		1828.	2377.	1969	

Temperature.

At sunrise $58\frac{30}{31}$
At 1 P.M. $76.\frac{21}{31}$
At 9 P.M. $63.\frac{16}{31}$

Average $66\frac{36}{93}$.

A cool August — but not quite as cool as August 1855 & 1856 — a trifle cooler than 1853. Much rain in August as well as in July. So wet a season is seldom known.

The Temperature of August at Bellevue, Nebraska Territory, on or near the Missouri, was for all of 31 days in August 1854 at 6 A.M. 1983; 2 P.M. 2502; 9 P.M. 2136 — or 4 to 5 degrees warmer than here — or $71.\frac{18}{93}$ average. I know not how reliable this record may be, nor the latitude of Bellevue — They were mowing Prairie Grass Sept 1. Principal crops Corn & potatoes. Not much oats, wheat & early rains as yet — will come hereafter. Melons plenty.

September. 1857

Thermometer.

		Sunrise.	1 P.m.	9 P.m.		
Tuesday	1	54.	77.	65.	Fair & pleasant, Wind	S.E.
	2.	58.	80.	64	Foggy morn. Day fair & warm.	S.
	3.	60.	79.	65.	Foggy morn Day fair & warm	N.E / S.E
	4.	55.	81.	66.	mostly Fair. Day warm	N.E. & c
	5.	61.	81.	71.	Fair & warm	S.W. & c.
Sund.	6.	66.	69.	56.	Rain in morning. Day fair & cool.	N.
	7.	42.	64.	48.	Fair and cool	N. & N.E
	8.	37.	66.	54.	Fair and cool	S.W. & c
	9	46.	74.	59.	Fair & pleasant	N.W.
	10.	53.	82.	57	Morn foggy. Day mostly Fair	S.E & S.
	11.	57.	85.	72.	Warm day & fair	S. & S.W.
	12	64.	72.	62.	Cloudy	S.E & S.
Sund	13.	58.	74.	66.	Cloudy	N.E. & S.E
	14.	65.	81.	71.	Foggy & Cloudy A.M. Partly fair, P.M. Showers in the night	S.E. & c
	15.	64.	71.	55	Fair with fine blue sky.	N.W.
	16.	48.	69.	54	Sunshine with haze	N.W.
	17.	52.	60.	64.	Cloudy. Little rain. Rain in Evening.	S. & c
	18.	59.	67	50.	Fair with blue sky.	N.W.
	19.	41.	53.	48	Cloudy A.M. Rainy P.M. & night.	S.W. E. A.M / S.E. P.M
Sund	20.	45.	58.	53	Cloudy and some drizzle.	N.E.
	21.	43.	62.	48.	Fair	N.E: S.E.
	22.	44.	60.	53.	Cloudy day. Rainy night	S.E.
	23.	50.	58.	46	Cloudy morn. Day fair & windy.	N.W.
	24.	38	67.	54.	Fair & pleasant	S. and S.W.
	25.	44.	69.	52.	Foggy morn. Day mostly fair	N.E: S.
	26.	47.	69.	60	Foggy morn. Day fair	N.E: S. & c
Sund	27.	48.	73.	61	Foggy morn. Day fair & pleasant	S.E.
	28.	55.	67.	51	Fog in morn. Day fair, with some clouds	Southerly
	29	48.	53.	41.	Fair & cool	N.W.
	30.	29.	54.	40	Severe Frost. Day mostly fair.	N.W.
		1531	2075	1706		

Temperature

At sunrise	$51\frac{1}{30}$	Average $59^{\circ}\frac{2}{90}$.
At 1 P.m.	$69\frac{5}{30}$	
At 9 P.m.	$56.\frac{26}{35}$	

September has been about middling as to Temperature Differs but little from 1854 and 1855. Not quite so warm as 1853 and 1856.

No equinoctial storm. Rain enough, but not so much as in July and August.

No frost till the last morning.

September 1857.

Money Matters.

Receipts.

		$
	On hand when I went to Augusta. page 4.	54.86.
	Stiles of N.Y. sent a dollar in my absence Stamps 3c	1.00. 03
Aug. 29.	Rec'd of Franklin M. Ford on my Cunningham debt, for costs 23.03, on debt 46.97c	70.00
Sept 4.	Dividend of P. & P. Rail Road, m'd by Pin July 7. and just in the Bank	125.89 30.00
5	Parkman & Thurza paid towards horse & carriage	2.50
5.	½ Genealogy 25c. Gleason J.W. 30c. Stamps for Genealogy 50	1.05
Oct 16.	Postage paid back 32c. 2 Genealogies, Cyrus Alvord 1.00	1.32
19	Dividend at N.H. Bank 5 p'ct. 50 ½	50.54
28	C.G. Judd Genealogy 54c	
		$ 211.30

Expenditures. (See pages 4 and 86)

Expenses from here to Maine p. 4	12.95
Expenses at Boothbay returning p. 86	9.70
Expenses returning, mine 6.35 & 25.	6.60.
Paid 4 years, due to Historical society	12.00
Expenses at Reading & Boston, for rail road, &c	1.64
Expenses of wife from Maine (Thurza paid some)	6.35
Paid mat expended in my absence	3.00.
Expended after my return, viz:	
12 stamps 36c. Potatoes 19c. Berries &c. 16c.	0.71
Teapot of Arnold $1.13. Crackers 16c.	1.29
Aug 27 Paid my Taxes at Westhampton to Davenport	2.87
Aug 27. Paid Thurza for horse & carriage to W.H. &c.	2.60
Aug. 29 Paid Seth Hooker for Butter	1.00
31. Paid Ferriage 6c	0.06
29 Paid Allen for costs on Ford's suit	23.03
	$ 3.20
Sept 1. Paid Thayer & Sergeants bill to July 1.	11.26
1. 10 newspaper Stamps 10c. Potatoes 13c. Apples 5c 2c	0.30
1 Paid neighbor Wood for horse & carriage to Mt Holyoke	1.00.
2 Paid Washwoman 50c. 1¼ lb Butter of Mr Burge 37c	0.87
3 5 lbs Ind. meal boiled 15c. Watermelon 13c.	0.28
4 Paid Isaac Clark for Grafting 56c. Apples 17c	0.73
5 Lent Daniel Jewett & took note	50.00
Paid for an ambrotype portrait of Pin.	1.50
5 Crackers 16c. Apples 5c. Potatoes 13c. Soda 5c	0.39
7 8 lbs Graham meal 40c. a griddle 17c. 4 qts blackberries 32c	0.89
8 Washwoman 50c. Potatoes 16c. Apples 17c. Steak 19c.	1.02
12 6 lbs chop beef 30c. Paid Lee for mending pumps 50c	0.80
12. 15 Stamps 45c. 4 lbs Indian 12c. 4½ lbs Graham 21c.	0.78
15 mending Pail 6c. Fly Poison 5c. Washwoman 50c	0.61
17. Stamps &c. 5c. Berries 20c. Cheese 17c. Peaches 10c.	0.52
19 Beef 29c. Graham meal 28c. Potatoes 16c.	0.73
	154.88
21. 2 Stamps 6c. Berries 20c. 3¼ lbs Beef 32c	0.58
22. 7 lbs flour 38c. Bridge Toll 12c. Peaches 19c. Paper 6.	0.75
28 Freight of bbl flour from N York 1.05.	
28 Freight of 2 Firkins Soap from N.Y. 87c } Freight to my house 25c	2.17
28 Contributions 10c. Beef 32c. Paper 3c	0.45
	158.83
Oct 1. Postage bill 19c & postage of Tribune to Jan 1. 39c. 2 lbs Cheese 28.	0.86
7 Stamps &c. 8c. Judd for Genealogy 50c. Stamps &c. 8.	0.58
14 Paid Mrs Ryan for washing Oct 7. 50c. Gum Arabic 6c	0.56
19 Buckwheat flour of Wright 11c. Stamp 3c. 1 bush Sweet apples 1.00	1.14.
20. Lent here Oct 13. $15 3.38. Walker paid for per 10th to day — She owes	43.38
21. Potatoes 8c. Ind meal 16c. Fanny 18c. Pin 6c. yeast 2c	0.50
22. Sweet Potatoes 16c. 27 lbs do Hoxie for butter $3. Beans &c 17c	3.33
28 Stamps for Genealogy 54c. J.R. Shoes, wife of Slate 75c. mend Shoes 20c.	1.49
Oct. 31 Balance to page 126.	0.55
	$ 211.30

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Tuesday 1st. Crops.

This fall month begins with a pleasant, fair day, good for growing and ripening. The season has been unusually wet, rainy or cloudy — better for forming leaves and stems than for fruits, yet many products have done well and are promising.

The N.York Tribune of this day says of the Crops of 1857 — Grass has been luxuriant & pastures abundant; there has been a great yield of hay, but not secured in the best order; & there must be a full supply of fall feed, & a full product of butter and cheese, though the number of cows may be diminished. Rye was a full crop. Wheat suffered from winter killing & from weevil & midge, yet the yield has been abundant in many portions of the West. The wheat crop was good in the south. The West cast culture seems to be running out in N.York & other of the older States. Potatoes are suffering from rot in many places, but the crop will equal to the average of ten years past, perhaps.

Indian corn, our great staple from Maine to Texas, is, in the vicinity of N.York, very luxuriant, but very late, and in danger of destruction by an early frost. We need a full month of mainly dry, bright weather to carry corn beyond the reach & danger. At present the ears are scarcely fit to boil. A frost before Sep. 15th would be a natural disaster; a frost as early Sept. 20. would destroy half the crop.

[apparently the crops are as late & backward about N.York as in Northampton; and I think Maine is but little behind Northampton.

Autumnal Evening Noises — are from crickets, grasshoppers & katydids. The chief noise here where I live comes from crickets, and it is as regular and loud as it will be.

Autumnal Colors.

In Maine, I observed some leaves of white birch which had turned yellow, & a few branches of red maple which had changed to purplish or red dish. I saw similar changes between Reading and Boston but they were quite limited, and not prominent. Since my return, I notice similar changes in C.V. & N.H. but they are as rare here now Sept. 6. as they were in Maine, August 15. But fruits have yellow leaves.

It seems that as we go north, the changes of vegetation from green to red, yellow &c. begin earlier. Maine seems to have been a fortnight & before Northampton. Canada was still earlier.

Elizabeth, wife & son J.W. and their son Sylvester & maid arrived from Hartford P.M. Had previously been at Saybrook

September 1857

Wednesday 2d.

Flowers in the village.

Tiger Lily. Phlox of several kinds and colors. Hollyhocks. Petunias white & purple. Phacelia Gladiolus, scarlet & white. Japan Lily. Syrian Hibiscus or Althea. Marshmallows. Mallows, common. Mountain Fringe. Snappers or Balsams, single & double. Verbenas, Sweet Alyssum. Larkspur. Hair bells. Coreopsis Marygolds of two species or sorts. Sweet Peas. Morning Glory. Calystegia. Poppy. Eschscholtzia Sunflowers. Everlasting. Flowering Purslane.

My Garden Vegetables & others.

Corn is in various steages – some too large to boil, and some has not yet formed kernels, much that is about ready or quite ready for eating.

Beans. Bush beans gone. Pole beans of some kind have been used some days. Lima & Frost beans have gone to vines very much, and did not become large enought to shell till to-day. [one gathering 11th inst. p. 3.] Some blossom

Winter Squashes – Some are about ripe;

Summer Squashes. Some ripe, some small, some blossoms.

Canteloupe Melons. Some are full grown but none ripe. Blossoms plenty. [One eaten Sept 11.

Tomatoes. We have had a pritty good supply of ripe ones two or three days. Not half a dozen ripe ones before the present week. A great abundance of green tomatoes & blossoms.

Cucumbers – some ripe – some blossoms. We do not use them now.

Cabbages have only begun to form heads.

Turnips are small. Set out in my absence.

Pumpkins, large & ripe, are for sale to day.

Watermelons & Muskmelons have been for sale some time – 8 to 15 cts each. Some 20 cts.

Tomatoes, Onions, corn, beets, squashes, beans and other vegetables are for sale. Cabbages.

Potatoes are already injured by disease. Are sold from 50 to 75 cents per bushel by the peck.

Apples. No good eating apples are offered. Those for baking, pies, &c are sold at 75 cents to a dollar per bushel by peck. Some poor ones are lower.

Pears are sold at two dollars per bushel.

Peaches. A few are seen here at high prices.

Tobacco. They are already cutting up tobacco in Hatfield, and I have seen some cut in this town. They expect a great price for it. It is sold for segar wrappers, being better than Virginia tobacco for that purpose, being thinner & tougher.

September 1857.

Thursday 3d.

Friday 4th.

Son J. Walker came from New York at 10½ P.M.
Sister Irene Matthews came from Springfield in the afternoon. Francey & Kate here. We are pretty full. Irene went home with Francey to bed.

Saturday 5.

Son Parkman and Sarah A. Dawes left us for Boston & Reading at 11 o'clock to day. They have been here 16 days.

Signed a note to Holyoke Bank as surety for Ansel Jewett, for 60 days — sum 60 dollars.

Sunday 6

I attended meeting A.M. & P.M. Mr Hall preached. No one else from my house attended any meeting. Mr Hall's text, A.M. was "God is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance". He said this declaration was to be taken as it stood, and no views of the atonement, trinity, election, &c were to be received which contradicted this.

Monday 7. Cold Morning. Therm. 42°

Swallows have departed, I know not when they went, but I believe it was some days ago.

Autumnal Colors

These increase, but are not conspicuous yet.
Butternuts leaves are turning yellow & falling
Elm leaves — on some trees, leaves are turning yellow in spots
Red maples — show some reddish limbs.
Sumachs, have some bright-red leaves.

Tuesday 8. Almost a frost. Therm. 37°. We shall doubtless hear of heavy frost in some places.
P.S. I hear of frost on some lowlands, but I think very little damage was done in this vicinity. Some damage in Connecticut; some in our hill towns. some in Northern Pennsylvania.

Wednesday 9.

Son J. Walker, wife & child and Irishmaid, and sister Alethusa left us for New York & Brooklyn this forenoon. Only Aphia remains, besides our common family of three — Rev. Mr. Ware, who has been Unitarian minister at Augusta, was here at tea last night, and here again to day. Several of my children are acquainted with him.

Thursday 10.

We had at tea three Unitarian ministers, viz Rev. Mr. Silsbee of N.H. Rev. Mr Ware recently of Augusta, and Rev. Mr Guild, who preached here for Mr. Silsbee in his absence to Salem, &c.

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Friday 11. a warm day.
Sister Hooker here at dinner; I and Perminah at Mr. Birge's at tea.

Saturday 12.

Sunday 13.
I attended meeting A.M. & P.M. Professor Vose of Amherst College preached. Pin & I called at Mr. Silsbee's in the evening.

Monday 14.
Rain in the night - No drouth threatens this year as yet.

Tuesday 15

Wednesday 16.
Thursday 17.
Friday 18
} A sorty Training or Muster here. It is said Gov. Gardner was here. I took care not to go near him or them. The foreigners were all out & many were drunk and some yankees.

Saturday 19.
My venerable father died 25 years ago this day, viz Sept. 19. 1832. How fast time passes.
Son Joseph H. Williams, and his sister Anne arrived in the evening, in the cars, from Augusta.

Sunday 20.
I attended meeting P.M. Mr. Hall preached.
Nina & Anne Williams attended at Unitarian P.M. none of us went to meeting A.M. It was drizzly.
Fire was comfortable Friday, Saturday & Sunday Evenings. Has not been needed before, unless on evening of 7th.
We had some fire in dining room today.

Monday 21.
Grapes are for sale in the village; my native grapes are nearly ripe. We have picked some. My Isabella grapes have only begun to turn reddish - are late.
Cranberries for sale, gathered in this vicinity. They are hardly ripe.
Some apples, pears & peaches are for sale - the latter at very high prices.
Melons, potatoes, cabbages, &c. are for sale.
From my garden I have corn, beans, squashes, tomatoes, nutmeg melons, beets, grapes, &c.
Frost has not injured much in this vicinity, in general nothing.

Tuesday 22

Widnesday 23.
Gathered my native grapes to day in part - ½ bushel & more.

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Thursday 24

Thermom. this morning at 38°. No frost in Elm street, and not much any where. Some in low places.

Ride in afternoon.

Joseph hired two horses and carriage at 5 dollars, and 5 of us had a ride, viz. Joseph, Martha, Anne Williams, Perminah and myself. We went at first down into Middle meadow, & saw the great Elm and Mowing machines in operation. Came up to Venturers Field Road & took that & came out into Bridge street. Passed through Hadley to Amherst College, & thence up to Mount Pleasant where Joseph attended school when young; took the North road from Amherst, & came to the upper Ferry in Hatfield where we crossed by a wire ferry into Hatfield street and came home about 6 O'clock. Fine weather & a pleasant ride.

Crops.

Indian Corn in all these towns, meadows and uplands, appears to me to be nearly out of the way of frost. Much corn was cut up and stacked or put in small bunches — perhaps half of the whole or more; much was not touched, and a small portion had the stalks cut in the old way. Some corn land had been plowed and rye sowed on all except where the bunches stood. There is more broomcorn than Indian corn; perhaps two of the former to one acre of the latter in the meadows.

Broom Corn heads are all out & spread, and generally turned of reddish brown. The appearance is good. Much of the seed must be ripe, but there is considerable that is not ripe. In Northampton meadow, several pieces had been tabled and cut, but the greater part or seven-eighths or more remains standing — perhaps eleven-twelfths. I saw none tabled elsewhere but doubtless some was so, in Hatfield & Hadley. Considerable broomcorn is raised on uplands.

Potatoe tops were generally dead, & probably more or less diseased — I could not tell.

Pumpkins among corn as usual — many ripe.

Tobacco. This was all cut up, and hanging in barns and other buildings, except stalks left for seed, & these were divested of leaves. There is but much of it in Hatfield, less in Hadley, and not a great deal in Northampton. Most of it was cut & housed some days ago; some of it 20 days ago or more.

Rowen. People are mowing & drying Rowen. About half of middle meadow has been mowed and much of the hay is in the barn. I saw two mowing machines at work, and two others were standing in the meadow. They were cutting rowen, or had cut it, in upper meadow, and other towns. There is rowen in all rich mowings & in some not very rich.

Thursday 24 Ride continued.

Some farmers mow the stubble when grain was harvested, with the barn grasses, weeds and trash and cart the whole to their barns for litter, &c.

Frost. I saw no signs of frost in any fleece; certainly no damage has been done. There has been some frost on low lands, it is said,

Autumnal Colors.

These have increased very slowly. The trees on Holyoke, and other hills & mountains, appear to be green.

The trees which exhibit some changes are maples of all kinds, butternuts, White birches, elms, Sumacs, & some shrubs as briers, whortles, &c. In general, the trees of forest are still green. Tall brakes are turning yellow.

Fall Flowers, as Golden Rod & Star Flowers are plenty, especially the former.

Grass is green by roadsides and every where. So much rain makes grass grow.

Gardens seem to be well stocked with vegetables, and some flowers are plenty.

Apples are not plenty, yet here and there a tree is pretty full. They are more plenty than last year, but will be scarce.

Sorghum saccharatum or Sugar Corn is seen in small patches in every town. It is a little taller than broom corn generally, & resembles the latter, but is not so forward. The heads are light colored; only here & there one has turned a little yellowish brown. The leaves are greener than those of broom corn.

Quinces — have improved, and some begin to be yellowish — at home & when we went.

Friday 25.
We took tea at Mr Birge's in the evening, viz Joseph, Aphia, Annie and I.

Saturday 26.
At Mr Silsbee's in evening, with Penumah & Anne.

Sunday 27. A very fine day.
I attended 3 meeting all day, & wife P.M. Mr Pease of the Five Points mission, N.Y. Discoursed A.M. and also Hall P.M. Mr Pease gave us an account of poverty and wickedness in N.Y. — Others of the family went to Unitarian meeting

September 1857.

Monday 28. Day mostly fair. Clouds and a heavy gusty wind about noon.

Tuesday 29. Much cooler.
Son & daughter Williams and Anne Williams left us this morning for Boston & Augusta. Our family is now reduced to three again. We have had some of our children here besides Perrin. ever since Augs. 20. when Parkman & Sarah came

The weather became cooler after the wind squall of yesterday, and indicates that frost will follow.

Wednesday 30. Frost, the first.
At Sunrise, Thermometer was at 29°. and there was a pretty severe frost, which must have been extensive. It is the first killing frost this season. Corn is generally out of the reach of frost, though in various places, some pieces of corn must have been injured, not being sufficiently matured.

In my garden, Vines of squashes & melons, and tomato plants, were all killed and laid flat. Beans were partially killed, not entirely — Among Flowers, Morning Glory and Snapdragons were killed, but most of Perennials flowers were not killed — many Grape leaves were withered, & many remained green. Beets, Parsnips, Rhubarb, Cabbages, Turnips were not injured.

Frosts at the West.
In Northern Illinois, the first severe frost was in the morning of Sept. 23, which killed every thing not out of the way of frost. Some of the corn was in the milk, but most was mature enough to prevent damage

In Michigan, the first frost was in the morning of Sept 25, but the Indian corn was nearly all cut and put into shocks, & the damage was not great.

In Wisconsin the first killing frost was Sept 23, as in Illinois - pretty general.

In New York western, and Vermont, the first killing frost was on the morning of Sept. 30, the same as in Massachusetts. Crops said to be generally out of the way. Frost in Eastern N. York & Pennsylvania Sept. 30 In Connecticut Sept 30. In Western Reserve Ohio Sept 30

Snow first appeared on the White Mountains Sept 23. There was a frozen mist or sleet mistaken for snow a week before. The people on the summit broke up and descended Sept. 23. Visitors to the summit this season 3.143. of whom 441 remained over night.

In parts of Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin & Nebraska frost did not kill till Oct 15 to 18.

October 1857

Thermometer.

		Sunrise.	1 P.m.	9 P.m.		
Thursday	1	31.	59.	50.	Frost again.	Fair A.M. S.E. Cloudy P.M. S.
	2	50.	67.	49.	Little Rain in night. Day Cloudy Rain in next night	N.E. & N.
	3	47.	57.	49.	Cloudy almost all day	N.E.
Sund.	4.	42.	61.	51.	Fair and pleasant.	N.E.
	5	38.	62.	47.	Fair and pleasant	N. &c
	6.	38.	65.	48.	mostly Fair	N.W
	7	41.	62.	47.	Fair & pleasant	N. &c
	8	36.	66.	53.	slight Frost. Day Fair & bright	N.W.
	9	44.	67	46.	Fair and pleasant.	N. & NW.
	10.	38.	60.	42	Fair and pleasant	N.E: E.
Sund	11.	31	58	43.	Frost & fog. Day fair & bright	S.E.
	12.	39	65.	54.	Foggy A.m. Fair mostly P.M.	S.W.
	13.	49.	74.	64.	Foggy morn. Day fair & warm.	S. & S.E.
	14.	60.	74.	61	Foy & cloudy A.m. Mostly Fair. P.M.	N.E. &c
	15.	57.	67.	59.	Cloudy day. Rain in evening & night	N.E.
	16.	57.	63.	51	Cloudy. Rain began at 5. P.m. Rained in evening and night. with high wind in night	N.W. N.E.
	17.	46.	54	40	Fair and windy.	N.W.
Sund	18.	39.	58	40	Fair & pleasant	N.W.
	19.	40.	56.	56	Cloudy & a little rain day & evng.	N.E.
	20.	44.	46.	36	mostly fair. windy & cold	N.W.
	21.	33.	42.	32.	mostly fair. windy & cold.	N.W.
	22.	29	46.	34	Frost & ice. Fair and cold.	N.E: N.W.
	23.	26.	50.	44.	Heavy Frost. Mostly Cloudy.	S.E. &c.
	24.	44.	48.	47.	Cloudy. Little Rain in Evening	N.E.
Sund	25.	45.	54.	37.	moderate rain by turns all day	N.E.
	26.	52.	51.	51	Rainy by turns all day.	N.E
	27.	48.	47.	42	Cloudy	N.E. & N.
	28.	38.	47.	41.	Cloudy	N.E. &c
	29.	40.	42.	40.	Cloudy. Little Rain.	N.E.
	30.	39.	45.	37	Cloudy	N. & N.W.
	31.	37.	47.	42.	Cloudy	little rain N. & N.W.
		1298 :	1760 :	1447		

Temperature.

at sunrise $41^{\circ}\frac{27}{31}$
at 1 P.m. $56\frac{24}{31}$
at 9 P.m. $46.\frac{21}{31}$
} Average $48^{\circ}\frac{41}{93}$.

About as last year. Not quite as warm as 1855 & 1854, and a little warmer than 1853. First 1/3 or 2/3 of the month was very pleasant. Last 9 days cloudy and unpleasant with considerable rain. The frosts were Sept 30. Oct 1. Oct 11. Oct 22 & heaviest Oct. 23.

October, 1857.

Thursday 1st.

The first Frost was yesterday morning; and a second frost this morning, not quite so severe. - Th. 31°
Weather fair & pleasant. Crops are late this year, and undoubtedly some corn has been injured, but the greater part must be safe. The crop will be less than usual, I think — ears not well filled out.

Flowers.

Many garden flowers withstand pretty severe frost, and are still blooming in Peninnah's & Miss Jewett's Garden. viz.

Verbenas	Petunias
Asters	Eschscholtzias
Sweet Peas.	Mourning Bride
Sweet Alyssum.	Phacelia
Tall Phlox	Low Phlox.

Larkspurs and Hair Bells still show a few flowers.
Calendula Marygolds continue in blossom, but the old Marygolds are killed.
Miss Jewett's Althea has a few blossoms remaining.
Bouncing Bet by roadsides continues to blossom.

Autumnal Foliage.

The forest world is generally green, but in many or most trees, the green has grown paler; and many trees have some yellowish & reddish leaves, which are not noticed at a distance. Some trees show the change at a distance, especially maples — As soon as the colors change to brown, red or yellow, the colored leaves begin to fall, though many remain on the trees. Some fallen leaves are under many trees now, but they are not thick, nor in piles.

Butternuts, as usual, have lost more leaves than any other tree, and some are quite thin, or almost bare.
Maples on this street show some reddish tops, and ends of branches, and some whole branches are reddish, but 19 leaves in 20 or more are still green. Many trees are all green. — Such is the appearance of maples elsewhere — many reddish and yellowish spots, but generally green. Hard & soft maples about alike.
Deltoid Birches continue to show yellowish leaves.
Yellow Birches have some yellow leaves.
Ash Trees. Some begin to turn purplish.
Tulip Trees. Have shown some yellow leaves several days. - in the lower part of the trees.
Elm Trees have long had decayed leaves, which increase, but 19-20ths and more of the leaves are green, & many trees are almost entirely green; some are of a brownish green, or pale green purple, and have a dirty, unpleasant appearance. Leaves fall some.
Chestnuts on Round Hill have some yellowish leaves & brownish and these fall some; most leaves are green, but some are pale green. Not a burr has opened.
Oaks on Round Hill have a few reddish leaves - not many

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Thursday 1st. Foliage, &c.

Gleditschia & Common Locusts have a few yellow leaves.

Bass and linden have a few yellowish leaves.

Sumacs have many red leaves, & many green.

Cyanopelops is has many reddish leaves. Our plant is turning, but most of the leaves are green or only faintly reddish.

Horse Chestnuts have more or less yellowish leaves – had such some days since.

Some Fruit-trees have changed color a little, and have reddish (peach) brownish (apple) & other hues. But in general are all green a pale green.

Pines have had yellowish brown leaves sometime, viz the last year's leaves

The frosts do not seem to have affected the foliage of forest & fruit-trees much. may have curled or deadened some leaves.

The maples make more show of autumnal colors than all other trees – yet most of them are green. There is very little bright red. Some tops and branches of red maples are the reddest. There is some yellow, and other shades.

Mountain Ash trees are fully red berries.

Snowberry bushes are fully white berries

Trumpet Honeysuckle has red fruit & blossoms.

Apples are not plenty, but more than last year. Many wormy & defective. Fair apples will bring a dollar a bushel or thereabouts

Peaches, ordinary, bring about 3 dollars a bushel and are retailed at a dollar a peck. Some trees have full peaches on them.

Quinces. Some begin to be yellowish, but the greater part are green and uncomely.

Grapes. My native grapes are nearly all gathered. I have had near a bushel – some of them green & hard, but most are good & ripe.

Isabella grapes. I have many of them, but none are ripe, and I fear they will not be ripe. They are of various hues – green, a little reddish, all reddish, purple. The season has been too late & backward for them. The frost has killed some of the leaves

Sugar Corn (Sorghum.) The leaves are affected by the frost – some curled & some brownish. Some pieces are green. The heads are of a reddish brown hue, but paler than broom corn. most of seed not ripe, I think.

Broom Corn, seen from Round Hill – in meadows, is of a reddish brown at top. Not much of it cut apparently. In Hadley seems to be nearly all standing and covers a large portion of the meadows; 4 or 5 times as much broom corn as Indian corn in Hadley, to appearance. More Indian in Northampton.

Indian Corn, seems to be most of it cut & in bunches. Some not cut.

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Thursday 1st. . Foliage, &c

Smoke Tree retains its plumose filaments. They are all brown and dead.

The Virgin's Bower now shows its whitish plumose tufts abundantly — makes quite a show.

Mounts Tom & Holyoke seem to be nearly all green at this distance. There may be some yellow in the birch region; and some red among the maples at the lower part of the woods.

Friday 2.

I walked down Maple Street to the embankment and came home by way of Singmasters (late Wests) and Fort Hill.

I was nearer the Mountains, Tom & Holyoke, and they appeared to be nearly all green. I think there is a little change in the birch region, and in some Maples, but the air was not quite clear, and I could see very little that was not green or pale green.

About Fort Hill, E. & S. sides, almost every thing is green but fall changes have begun in Butternuts, maples, chestnuts, oaks, Ashes, elms, birches, &c, as elsewhere; only a small part of the foliage is affected yet.

Dogwood begins to show reddish leaves.
Red Oaks have a few yellowish-brown leaves.
Chestnuts have some yellowish & brownish leaves.
No burs are open.
Butternuts. The fruit has fallen or is falling.
Prinos humilis on hill is full of red berries
Thornbushes — some are full of red thorn apples
Barberries seem to be ripe, & bushes are red.
Yellow Currant has reddish leaves.
Mountain Ash has some brownish & yellowish leaves, as well as red berries.

In the South Meadow —
Indian corn is generally cut and in bunches
Broom corn. Some is cut & carried away, and much remains standing.

In the North Meadow, as far as I could see Indian corn was generally in bunches (not all) and broom corn was most of it standing, but some was cut & secured.

Pumpkins are among the corn as usual.

The Fall Flowers at Singmasters are very few them killed or hurt by frost. It is the same at home.

Saturday 3.

In the evening, no sound of Katydids, and the noise of crickets was faint. It is too cold for them, and has been nights before.

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Sunday 4.

I attended meeting A.M. and wife P.M.
Mr Hall P.M. preached in reference to the times, or about making haste to be rich — Mr Silsbee also had a sermon adapted to the times, & the uncertainty of prosperity. — There have been no failures here but some people here have lost money. — perhaps many.

Monday 5.

Tuesday 6

Wednesday 7.

For some time past, the pressure for money, and the failures in the cities, and the suspension of the banks in some states, have been the principal topics of conversation: and prominent subjects in city newspapers. — Money is very scarce here, and it is hard collecting debts, but perhaps not many are seriously affected, though men in debt and men in extensive business are pinched in the country. Manufacturing establishments suffer. The end is not yet — things may grow worse, & may not.

Thursday 8.

Yesterday and to day were cattle show days. I have not been to see any thing belonging to the show. Many people were here on both days. The foreigners all turn out on such days. and very many Yankees. I saw some drunken men, and always do on such days. The horse trotting or racing probably draws out more than any thing else.

Evening noises.

When the Thermometer goes down to 47 to 50° at nine P.M. the cricket noise becomes faint though still distinct & regular. The katadids do heard the first part of the evening but have only two notes generally, as katta, katay, cannot add the did. They cease as the evening advances. When the Thermometer is up to 52 or 53° at nine P.M. the sounds are a little louder, but the katadids can only sound ka-ta.

Friday 9.

Sister Lyndon came here yesterday and remained until near night to-day. I wrote her will. I had previously written one for her in 1848.

Saturday 10

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Letters sent — continued from page 3.

October
8 Wrote to Henry Jones, (Rev.) Bridgeport. Conn.
8 Wrote to Rev. Edward E. Hale, Boston.
10 Wrote sister Irene A. Matthews. Springfield.
13 wrote to Sister Smith. South Deerfield
13 Wrote to Hopkins, enclosing draft. see next page
14 Wrote to Hopkins. again.
16 wrote to Apphia at Augusta
20 Wrote to Irene at Westhampton, & enclosed blank, &c
21. Wrote to Jonathan Edwards. Troy, N.Y. in reply to one July 20
24. Wrote to son JW. New York
26 Wrote to dear Apphia at Augusta.
28 Wrote to son J Walker. N York.
29 Wrote to D. Williams Patterson Esq. West Winsted, Con.
Nov 3 Wrote to the same, in reply.
11. Finished 7 sheets to Hon. James Savage, Boston; containing Genealogy of Maine. About half of it prepared when I was at Augusta.
11 Wrote to S.G. Drake, Boston: because Oct. H.&G. Register has not come (He sent it)
16 Wrote to son C Parkman, Reading.
16 To Mr O. W. Osborne, Lenox, Mass.
17. To Hon James Savage, 1 sheet.
17 To Richard Frothingham Jr Esq. Boston, enclosing a letter & 8 dollars
21 To Hon James Savage, a few lines. Again Nov. 23.
23 To Thomas B. Wyman Jr. Charlestown. Mass.
28 To Martha Eldry, Deerfield.
Dec 2 To Henry W. Taft. Esq Lenox, Mass.
5 To Martha E. Matthews. Springfield.
5 To J. Wingate Thornton, Esq. Boston.
12 To L. M. Boltwood. Amherst
15 To J Wingate Thornton Esq Boston, & enclosed the old manuscripts he sent me.
17 To Octavia Clapp Burdick. Brooklyn L.I.
17 To Children in Maine. J.W. & wife these
21 To S.G. Drake, Editor of H.&G. Register, Boston
25 To do do about lost Registers of Maj Smith
30 To James Savage. Boston. 1 sheet
30 To Norman White. city of N York.
31 To son Hopkins, N York. with order for Rail Road dividend.

1858
Jan 4. Wrote to Hon James Savage.
6 Wrote to E.C. Herrick N. Haven
6 " to J.D. Champlin Jr. Stonington. Conn
18 Wrote to Penniman at Groton
21 " to Penniman again at G. Wife unwell
21 " to Norman White, N York city, and enclosed $10 he sent to me.
21 " to C. J. Hoadly. State Library, Hartford.
Feb 4 " to Hon. James Savage. Boston
4 " to Mrs Wm. S. Porter. New Haven
9. " to E B Bratt Boston.
27 " to James Savage 1 sheet.

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Sunday 11. Frost this morning similar to that of Sept 30 and Oct. 1. A frost with wind S.E. apparently. Perhaps it changed in the night to N.E. Rev. Solomon Clark, son of late Deac. Luther C. preached A.M. and Mr Hall P.M. Left meeting P.M. was the funeral of the widow of Deac. Luther Clark. I attended as one of the pall-bearers, but did not touch the pall. A large funeral, people coming from the meeting houses. — Wife attended meeting P.M. A fine day. Mr Silsbee and Jane & Mr Bingo & Frances & Kate here in evening.

Evening Noises

With the Thermometer at 42° or 43 at 9 P.M. the noise of crickets and Katydids almost entirely ceases. A faint note is heard now and then. — [At 60° in evening, or 58, the whole of Katydid is heard, and cricket noise distinct but faint. Oct 12.

Monday 12

Sister Irene came in the evening from Springfield. P.M. Major Sylvester Smith of Hadley called & brought subscription papers for History of Hadley, with 350 names, & reported 90 names on papers not returned. These cannot all be relied on.

Tuesday 13.

Sister Irene left us for Westhampton, P.M. I obtained for her a draft on the Exchange Bank, New York, from the Northampton Bank for 153 dollars, to pay for some shares she took last July, in the Metropolitan Bank. I directed a letter to Hopkins, enclosing the draft, as follows: "Mr Hopkins Judd, care of H. C. Bennett & Co. 41, Dey-Street, City of New York." Put in office at 4 P.M. I obtained the money as follows:-

She paid me of her money	60.00
I received of Samuel Edwards on her note	40.00
I borrowed & lent to her	53.00
	153.00.

I paid premium on exchange 38¢, and I gave me her note $53.38. [Walter paid 10¢ for her Oct 20.

I borrowed $50 of Mr Bingo for Irene Oct 10. + to day I borrowed $6 of Wood & Kingsley, on 3 for Irene & 3 for myself. Paid Oct 20 out of the 10 above this 6 & I + paid Mr Bingo 50¢ for my Dividend.

Evening Noises

This warm day Katydids made the usual noises in the afternoon, as they often do late in the season. In the evening, they said Kata and Katydid. Ther. 62 to 64°. It was so warm that crickets had a regular cre-cre, though not very loud, grasshoppers had che-che, and some frogs trilled. [Similar evening of 14th. Still warm.

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Wednesday 14. Change in Foliage.

Leaves have been falling some time, especially since the frost of the 11th. But the ground is not covered nor half covered, even under chestnuts, maples and elms, so wind has blown them yet.

Butternuts are generally bare of leaves, or nearly bare. The nuts have fallen — have a green covering.

Ash Trees. Some are purplish, & some have a different hue

Maples. Colors are green, pale green, red of various hues, yellow of different shades, brownish, and some leaves have two or three colors as green, red, yellow The red is more crimson than scarlet. Not so many bright colors as in some seasons. Sugar and red maple not very different. Leaves are falling

Elms. These trees are green, yellowish, brown, &c. or these hues mixed together. They are not at all beautiful, but rather unsightly. Leaves fall some

Chestnuts in the woods & open lands, in most directions, make some show by the autumnal change of foliage, but have no bright colors, no beauty. The leaves are green & pale green, pale yellow, brown or brownish, &c. The change in the chestnut foliage makes a great change in hues on the sides of Holyoke and Tom. Leaves are falling.

The fruit of chestnuts is late, & said be a small crop. Many of the burs are opening, but very few chestnuts have fallen — enough however to attract children to Round Hill & other places. They get very few. I see none for sale.

Oaks on Round Hill are more green than any thing else; they have a few red, reddish brown, & other colored leaves, but almost all are still green.

Dogwood leaves are red or purplish.

Ampelopsis. Leaves are red & many fallen. These red leaves are seen on some trees with green leaves.

Sumach leaves have long been red in part. Some are a bright red. Some are not yet red.

Tulip Trees. The leaves are green, yellow & brown. A large portion are pale yellow.

Horse Chestnuts are green, yellow & brown — some are mostly one of these colors, & some have two or three colors.

Bass Trees are are green, pale green, or pale yellow and brown. Leaves falling

Button Balls. The leaves are green, pale green & brown and are falling. many leaves fall when green. Leaves generally green.

Common Locust. Leaves are green and some yellowish

Gleditschia Locusts, are more yellow than common Locusts — have a pale yellow or a deeper yellow, appearance Leaves falling.

Wednesday 14. October, 1857.

Foliage — continued.

European Trees, as usual are much more green than native trees.

English Elms are quite green — only a few leaves changed — make quite a contrast with our elms.

English Lindens are quite green — but few leaves have changed their color.

English Oaks at Brights are all green.

Willows, Lilacs and many shrubs from Europe are green. Many Yellow & weeping willows — but not native ones.

Apple, Pear, Cherry & Peach trees are generally green, or all but pears. Quince Trees are green.

Pears have lost many leaves, & color is changed more or less

Apple Trees: Some trees have lost many leaves, and others are brownish or yellowish; but most leaves are green or pale green.

Cherry Trees. many leaves are reddish, but most are green.

Peach Trees. Some reddish leaves. In genral green.

Walnut trees are orange & brown. Are changing from orange to brown.

Leaves are falling; & more fallen than I at first supposed. The ground is almost covered under some trees. Bare limbs are seen on some elms, maples, and other trees — chestnuts, apples, pear, &

Mountain Trees & others

The mountains & hills around are very spotted and much variegated — a mixture of green, yellow, red, brown, and several pale hues and dirty hues. The Oaks seem to retain most of their green. Chestnut regions and hills are green, yellow, brown. Maples are yellow, red, & Trees in the valleys have also a variety of hues. The green diminishes daily; & bare limbs increase daily.

Flowers

In the garden, phlox high and low, sweet peas, verbenas, sweet alyssum, Eschscholtzia, phacelia, asters, calendulas, feverfew, and pansies, continue to blossom, regardless of frost. Some hairbells also. Petunia plants are green, but blossom buds are killed.

Of Wild Flowers, asters & golden rods are plenty; the former fresh, the latter fading.

Of Garden Vegetables, all are killed & have been some time, in my garden, except Cabbages, Turnips, parsnips and beets. Sage is green.

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Wednesday 14—continued. Warm day.

Living Things.

Blackbirds are seen in flocks, with their notes of chap-chap, &c. I saw one flock on Round Hill.
Blue Jays and Chickadees are about daily.
Robins and blue birds are here.
Other small birds are seen.

Flies are quite lively this warm day—in the house
Yellow Butterflies I saw one to day on a flower.
Flies trouble horses to day—probably have in cooler days
The musketo wigglers in water ceased about the first of October, and we have not seen them in our water hhd, nor musketoes on the wing, since about Oct. 1st. or first days in Oct.
Crickets, Katadids & Grasshoppers are heard this warm evening. All rather faint compared with a month ago, and Katadids more imperfect than the others.

Banks.

The New York city Banks suspended specie payment yesterday and to day; and Boston Banks followed to day, and Northampton, and I suppose all New England. The money difficulties and the banks are all the conversation, among men & many women.

Thursday 15. Foliage.

Many leaves fell yesterday & today, and there is a considerable increase on the ground.
Many bare limbs & some bare trees are seen.
On the hills & mountains there is much of a pale yellow seen. This belongs to the Chestnut Trees, mostly.
Lombardy Poplars are mostly green; some limbs are yellowish.
River Poplar. The leaves are green, pale green and pale yellow.
Sweet fern leaves are part green, & part reddish.
Silver Poplar at Mrs Clarks, mostly green. Little yellowish
Catalpa is quite green, but some leaves blackened by frost.

Friday 16

The Rain last night has made leaves fall and ground is covered in many places.
Rain again after 5 P.M. will make leaves fall.
P.S. Rain in the night with high wind stripped many trees. The ground is full of leaves.

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Saturday 17.
A fair, cool day, and windy, after a rainy, windy night. A change in the air.
The leaves have been blown in long piles by the sides of the fences & roads, & in corners, and bare tops of trees have increased much within a day or two, yet there are apparently more leaves on trees than on the ground; or about as many. Have lost their beauty generally — not all, of trees.
This evening at 40°. katadids are still, and the noise of crickets has almost ceased — not quite.
The colors on the mountain grow browner or darker.
The Evergreens now make quite a contrast with deciduous trees on the mountains & elsewhere.
Mary Hall, dau. of brother R. Hall, came this P.M.

Sunday 18. a pleasant day — rather cool.
Mr Hall preached A.M. and P.M. Pretty full house below usually. Galleries half empty or more — We have had Congregational singing for some weeks all over the house. I confess that I like it better than choir singing.
The organ is played.
In the evening. Therm at 40°. katadids were entirely silent. and crickets were nearly silent.
Mr Hall referred to day in his preaching to the hard times, as most ministers have done, and drew a useful lesson from this calamity.

Monday 19.
Isabella Grapes. I gathered to day — more than a bushel — They are late and not half are ripe & sweet, though more than half are eatable. Some seem to have been touched by the frost, and are wrinkled. many are plump and full but not yet sweet, are purplish and not so dark colored as ripe ones. They have not ripened so late before. It is the same with other persons who have Isabella grapes. The season has been a late one as to all things, yet most crops have ripened.
Pulled my Beets Oct 20.

Tuesday 20. [Snow 4 to 6 inches deep in Onondaga Co. & some other counties of N.Y.]
A cold, windy, day.
Insects all still at night with Therm. at 36.

Wednesday 21.
Cold, windy, day. Walked to Hockanum P.M and came back with Mary Hall and Peninnah who went over. A. M.

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Wednesday 21 cont. Meadow & Mountain

In going over to Hockanum, I noticed that the Broomcorn was all gathered & gone. Indian corn stood in bunches, much fit; some had been carried away. One man was picking off the ears in the meadow.

Rye had been sown on several lots where corn or rye grew, and it was green and good.

Haying was at an end, except in one place in Middle meadow. They were making & taking hay.

White Maples on Mill river were greenish.

River Poplar at the Ferry was mostly green.

Mountain.

I went up into the woods 30 rods or more. The ground was covered with leaves. The greater part of birch and Chestnut leaves had fallen, but some remained, faded and discolored.

Oaks retained a large portion of their leaves, but they were of many tints — many were green or greenish, others reddish, reddish brown, brown, yellowish, &c. The oaks on the steep part of the mountain were greener than those on the lower part.

White Pines towards the summit, or on higher part, were of a pale green, and very different from the Hemlocks. These were of a dark green on the mountain, and much darker than the pines.

The Chestnuts on Mt. Tom were much more yellowish than those on Holyoke, many more leaves remaining on the trees.

There is no beauty in the present mountain colors. There are no bright reds or orange or yellow; no oaks have scarlet colored leaves. There is dirty green & some better green, faded or dirty yellow, various browns & reddish browns.

Chestnuts on the mountain side are not ripe. The tops are full of green burs unopened or just beginning to open. Some have an abundance of green burs without any leaves. No chestnuts on the ground. In the Open land, some of the trees have open burs and ripe chestnuts. I do not recollect when chestnuts were ripe so late. Some trees have had no burs. — Chestnuts are earlier & more advanced on Round Hill. They are retailed at the stores at 10 cents per quart.

Pumpkins seemed to be plenty and of good size at Hockanum. More green ones than usual.

Walnuts at Hockanum had mostly fallen, or shaken, but the fruit was not in general separated from the outside greenish shell.

Over coat & Mittens were comfortable when we returned from Hockanum.

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Thursday 22.

There was ice this morning – the first I have seen.

Friday 23.

Mary Hall left us to-day for Westhampton.
Martha & Harriet Clary here at Tea.

Saturday 24.

Sunday 25.

Rainy day & I have a cold – so remained at home.

Monday 26.

Rainy day again – more rain than yesterday. Crickets made some feeble noises this evening and last evening, the weather being moderate. Katadids do not make any sound & the trees where they have been, are bare of leaves. They continued about as long as the leaves do.

Tuesday 27

Sister Sarah here at Dinner. I called P.M. to see Sarah Stebbins of Hinsdale, N.H. at Oren Kingsley's. She was formerly Sarah Gay Hooker, daughter of Seth Hooker, & taught school in Westhampton, and my 3 or 4 oldest children went to school to her.

Wednesday 28

Flood. The rains have raised the streams and the Connecticut has come upon the lower parts of the meadow, and some pieces of corn standing in bunches have been flooded. Attempts have been made to save it by removal to higher land. Perhaps most of it has been saved – not all.

Thursday 29.

Friday 30.

Saturday 31.

Still cloudy and has been for 9 days. This is the ninth cloudy day

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Saturday 31.

Appearance of Nature.

Most trees are bare on hills & valleys, except oaks, Willows, & a few others. Scattered leaves are seen on the trees all about, and here and there a tree is pretty full.

Willows retain their leaves as usual and are green. Weeping & yellow Willow.

Silver Poplar retains most of its leaves & is greenish

Lombardy Poplar is like Silver poplar.

Button Ball has many greenish leaves, though the greater part are fallen.

Some fruit trees are green or greenish, as peach & quince, and some apple trees have many leaves yet, green or brown. English Cherry trees have many leaves - greenish, reddish, &c

Lilacs. The leaves are yet green.

Common Locust has some greenish leaves

Hackmatack leaves are of a light brown.

Scotch Larch leaves are of a pale green - fading.

Maples. Some trees have yellowish leaves. most trees are bare

Oaks on Round Hill and elsewhere have shed but few leaves, or a large portion remains. Many are red, reddish, & reddish brown, but no bright red; others are green and greenish, & yellowish green and broken of various shades, and many trees have several colors.

The mountains exhibit scattered leaves, and scattered trees with many leaves, though the greater part are bare. The colors are dull and dirty; a sooty yellowish brown, or dark buff in some places. The Oaks are of various hues as on Round Hill.

Flowers in our garden.

Verbenas, Phlox high & low, Eschschottzias, Sweet Alyssum, Sweet Peas, Calandulas, Harebells, and a few more plants continue to blossom, and plants are fresh & green. Artemisia is blossoming. Fumitory still blossoms. [These flowers continued in Nov.r

Birds. The singing birds are gone. Now & then a robin is seen. Crows, blue jays & Chickadees, winter birds, are seen and heard. Small birds from the north can be seen, as usual at this season.

Insect evening noise has entirely ceased. It is too cold for the crickets now.

[They were heard again in warm evenings in November.

November 1857.

Thermometer

		Sunrise	1 P.M.	9 P.M.		
Sunday	1	37.	51.	40	Fair after 9 cloudy days.	N.W. &c.
	2.	39.	50.	39	mostly Fair	S. &c
	3.	34.	49.	37	Mostly Fair	N.W.
	4.	32.	47.	32.	Fair	N.W.
	5.	30.	41.	30.	Cloudy. Rain in Evening & night.	S. &c
	6.	56.	66.	59.	Cloudy Warm	S.
	7.	45.	60	53.	Fair, pleasant. warm.	Southerly.
Sund	8.	52.	50.	48	Cloudy and misty. Some rain in night	N. & N.E.
	9.	47	62.	62	Cloudy & some rain. some rain in night	
	10.	53.	50.	39	Cloudy Am. Fair mpt PM	
	11.	30.	48.	36.	Fair & pleasant	N.W.
	12.	30.	48.	45.	Fair mostly. Little rain in night.	S.W. &c.
	13	44.	53.	42.	Cloudy	S.E
	14.	34.	36	25.	Fair, cold.	N.W.
Sund	15.	20.	40.	28.	Fair, cool	N.W.
	16.	22.	39.	33.	Cloudy. Snow & rain after 5. P.M. Rain in night.	N.E. & South
	17.	33.	43.	37	Cloudy	various
	18	31.	45.	39.	Cloudy	S. &c
	19	39.	56.	52.	mostly Cloudy. Rain in night	S.
	20.	32.	35.	19.	mostly Cloudy some fair. Cold.	W. &c.
	21	18.	33.	27	Fair: cold	S.W. &c
Sund	22.	27.	41.	30.	Fair in part: Cloudy in part.	S. & S.W.
	23.	27.	56.	43.	Mostly Cloudy. Some fair	S. & S.W.
	24.	26.	32.	28	Partly fair. partly Cloudy. cold	N.W.
	25.	16	20.	13.	Fair and Cold	N.W.
	26.	14.	30.	24	Mostly Cloudy. cold.	NW. S.W.
	27.	20.	43.	29.	Fair & Pleasant	N.W.
	28.	22.	46.	33.	Fair in pt. Cloudy in part.	S.
Sund	29	27.	50	37.	mostly Cloudy. mild.	N.E.
	30.	35	47.	41.	Cloudy mild — rain in the night.	S.E.
		972	1347	1120		

Temperature

At Sunrise $32\frac{12}{30}$
At 1 P.M. $45\frac{27}{30}$
At 9 P.M. $37\frac{10}{30}$
} Average $38^{0.49}_{90}$.

The Temperature for November has been about an average one. Not extreme either way.

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money matters

Receipts.

Oct 31.	Balance on 103d page		$0.63.
Nov 3.	2 Genealogies to Calvin Judd. Avon Cor.		1.00.
4	Dividend at Greenfield Bank		60.00
12	Sister Irene pend her note of Oct 13. 43.38 & Int. 22¢		43.60.
Dec 8.	Brother Parsons Jr Expres 25¢. 4 Genealogies (Cargill) 2		$2.25
1858 Jan 12	1 Genealogy (Rev Dr Davis) 50¢ 2 do Jan. 19. Hutton Jud		$1.50
14	Dividend on Boston & Providence Rail Road		30.00
22	6 Genealogies of Rev J.S. Judd. $3. J. Williston. Smith		1.00 4.00
Feb. 2	9 White 10¢ Genealogy to Leroy Judd 54¢.		0.64
20.	Of Norman White for services $2.00.		2.00
			145.62

Expenditures

Oct 31.	Expres for Penumah's Shawl from N. York		$0.38
Nov 3.	Pasteboard 6¢. Penimah 9¢ stamps 4¢ Sw. Potatoes 13¢		0.32
6.	Mrs Jewett milk 3 months to Oct. 1. 71 quarts @ 5¢		3.55
6	Apples 1½ bushel of Deac Jand Clark 1.50 and 33¢ before		1.83
6	Hillmans meat bill 87¢. Potatoes 8¢. 2		0.97
7	Thayer & Sergeants bill July 1 to Oct 1		11.72
10	Butter of Hoxie $1.76. 11. 2½ bushels Greenings $2½		4.26
12.	122 feet oak wood of Jewett. 5.25. Paid Stoddard acc $3.18		8.93
12	Paid D Kingsley for Pantaloon Cloth 3.67½ Trimming 73¢		4.40
13	Postage 4¢ Envellopes 5¢. Paid rest of Stoddards acct. 2.94		3.03
13.	Graham flour 22¢ Sweet Potatoes 13¢ Turnips 4		0.39
14	Paid Wood & Kingsley on acc. $10. Sausages 1lb 2⅓. 14¢.		10.14.
14	Beef 14¢. Sawing wood 72¢. Beef 36¢.		1.22
17.	Sent to Silem. Asst Society 2 years assessments 1856 & 1857		8.00
24	Sand 9¢. Paid Thos. Jewett for services last summer 1.00.		1.09
25.	3 fowls of Mr Jewett 57¢. 5 lbs Graham meal 22¢. pd Stoddard 18¢		0.97
25	Expres from N.Y. 50¢. Sawing wood 40¢. Stamps 3¢		0.93.
28	1 Gal Fluid, Stockwell 75¢.		0.75
			62.88
Dec 2	Hoxie 10¼ lbs Butter to this date 2.56. ¼ lb Tea 15		2.71
5	10 Stamps 30¢. Penumah to depot Dec 9. 25¢.		0.55
9	Penumah for Boston $5. Sausages 24¢. Stamps 7¢.		5.31
10	Paid Wood & Kingsley $7. Sawing wood 59¢. Expres 25¢.		7.82
15	Stamps 12¢ & 30¢. Sausages 18¢ 1 Gal Oil 1.10. ¼ lb Tea 15		1.85
26.	Cheese 17. 1 Gal. Fluid 70¢. Omitted 12¢		99
			$2.13
1858 Jan. 1.	Mrs Jewetts Milk Bill since Oct 1. 58½ quarts @ 5¢		2.92
1	Postage bill & box 25¢. pork pork 26¢. ½ lb Tea 30¢.		0.81
2	D Kingsleys bill 1.79. Thayer & Sergeants bill 2.39	@ 4	1.18
4.	A Lantern 75¢. Matches 10¢. Flour to a poor family 40¢		1.25
5	Graham meal 36¢ 9 Stamps 27¢. 2 milk 6¢. 2 lbs Sausages 24		0.93
11	Cheese 8¢. 14th freight of a barrel flour from N. York 68¢		0.76.
14	Hopkins & Bridgman for book binding & News papers		5.82
14.	Wood & Kingsley, Balance of acct.		7.57
14	Flour bought in N. York 7.75. N.W. 25¢. freight 68¢		8.68
14	N.Y. Evangelist for 1858 $2.00. Cheese 30¢		2.30
16	Homoeopathic Medicine 25¢. Stamps 36¢. Beef 54¢		1.75.
25	Beef 37¢. 1 Gal Fluid (28th) 70¢. mending Umbellas 5¢		1.58
30	Penimah 15¢. Gingham Feb 1 & to Smith 65¢. Phelps 6¢ Stamps 54¢		1.35
Feb 6.	Paid Stoddard & Lincolns acct. 1.29¢. mending lamp 20¢.		1.49
6	Indian meal 11¢. 1 lb Tea 60¢. Stamps for June 3¢		122.24
8	Beef 18¢. Potatoes 13. Eggs 10¢. Sawing wood 69¢. Graham 47¢		2.31
13	Cheese 44¢. Eggs 15¢. yeast 3¢. Penim 16¢. Stamps 3¢. 2 brooms 34¢.		1.15.
25	Butter of Hoxie to this date $2.14. Cocoa 12¢. Solder 7¢. Sweeping Nat 25¢.		2.58
March 1.	Balance to 142 d page 1 Gallon Fluid		76.64
			$145.62

Sunday 1.
The month begins with a fair day after 9 cloudy days. Full moon in evening very bright. We have hardly seen this moon before.
I attended meeting A.M. and it being Sacrament, wife attended P.M. Mr. Hall preached. Mr Gibbee & daughter here in evening.

Monday 2.
A second pleasant day. Jonny Fessenden of Hartford came A.M. Mr Fessenden called in evening.

Tuesday 3.
Mr Fessenden & wife and Jonny, and I and Pin went upon the top of Holyoke A.M. I walked all the way to & from the summit (except the river) about 6 miles, or 3 miles each way, at least. It is late in the season for such a visit, but the day was pleasant, though rather windy.

Nature has a dull, sombre hue, in every direction. Leaves have generally fallen except from the oaks, but there are scattered leaves on other trees, and some maples in the woods retain most of their leaves, & some dogwoods have many purplish leaves.

Oaks on mountains, hills, & in valleys, far and near retain many if not most of their leaves; some nearly all. The leaves are of a great variety of hues, none of them are bright. They are reddish, yellowish & yellowish brown, reddish brown, green & greenish, — a large portion are a dark buff. very few are dark brown.

The meadows have much brown, and the grass is much of it green.

Much corn remains in stacks or bunches; some are carrying it home. Here & there one picks off the ears in the meadow.

The white pines are of a much lighter green than the hemlocks, and the contrast is very distinct, on the mountain and elsewhere.

Much of the wood is cut on the east side of the mountain, back of the mountain house.

The crickets & grasshoppers made a faint and small noise in the meadow at noon day, but I could find none in motion.

Town meeting for state officers was to-day. I voted after I came from the mountain. People were rather quiet as far as I saw them. Not so many out as last year.

November 1857.

Wednesday 4. The Election.

About midnight, after the election, they began to ring the bells and fire cannon, in the village, having heard by telegraph the result in the state, viz that Banks was elected by a large plurality, and those on the ticket with him. Though I voted this successful ticket, I think such exhibitions are great folly. Oliver Warner, chosen, it is said, Secretary of State, lives opposite my house, and a party came up and sung opposite to his residence, and shouted, and he made a short address. After this all was quiet.

The result of the election in almost all the state was in the Springfield Republican which reached here before 9 o'clock, A.M. The Republicans feel well, there having been some doubt about the result for weeks past.

Jenny Fessenden left us at 5 P.M. for Hartford.

Thursday 5.

Thermometer at 58° this evening, and a few crickets made a noise — one near the house was quite loud. A warm, rainy night.

Friday 6.

A warm day for the season. Therm. at 1. 66°. and at 9, 59°. Crickets made more noise than last night. We sat in the front room in the evening without fire. Mrs Elijah Clark & son were here.

Saturday.

A fair, pleasant, warm day

Sunday 8.

I attended meeting A.M. and wife P.M.

Monday 9

This warm evening. Therm at 62° the che-che noise of insects was very plenty, like grasshoppers.

Tuesday 10

Wednesday 11.

Sister Irene came to day from Westhampton, & remained Brother Parsons & wife came & went away again.

Thursday 12.

Friday 13.

Saturday 14 Irene left us for Springfield Brother Hall here at dinner. He left Mary Hall here

Sunday 15.
Pretty cold weather has come. Therm. at 20°. First hard freezing we have had. Ground frozen hard, free of snow thickness.
Trees are generally bare, except the willows, which are green or greenish, viz weeping & yellow willows. The oak leaves have fallen & those of fruit trees, &c. only a few scattering leaves remain.
Peninnah's phlox, eschscholtzia, sweet peas, calendula, verbena, & some other flowers in the garden have continued to blossom until now, though some of them have put forth but few flowers for some time.
I attended meeting A.M. & P.M. & wife P.M. Mr Seymour of Whately preached — a fair preacher.
Frances & Kate here at Tea & Mr Bingham here in evening.

Monday 16.
Many Hall letters for Greenfield this morning.
I attended the funeral of the widow of the late Wm. Button. P.M. She was almost 85 years old. An excellent, intelligent woman.
A little snow fell towards night, first I have seen except a few flakes. It rained in the evening.

Tuesday 17

Wednesday 18.

Thursday 19. A mild day.
Frances and Kate were here yesterday & to-day.
I put my few cabbages & Turnips into cellar. They might have remained longer in the garden. Flowering plants & annual species are still green in the garden.

Friday 20. Cold
Snow on Western Hills this morning, and through the day.

Saturday 21. cold

Sunday 22.
At meeting all day, and wife went P.M. Mr Hall preached. Lowell Mason attended, and aided the Congregational singing. He has been in town some days, & has delivered a lecture on the old Psalmody of New England.

Monday 23
I carried the first pages of my History of Hadley to the printers, (Metcalfs). to day.
P.S. No types set till 28th.

November 1857

Tuesday 24.
A cold day — not above 32° to day.

Wednesday 25
Still colder. not above 20° to day

Thursday. 26
Thanksgiving Day.
There were services in the old Church, and President Sterns preached a common place Sermon. A decent congregation.
We had at Dinner self. wife & Peninnah and for food stewed fowl, squash, turnip and Lunenburg Pudding. Very plain & simple compared with the old Thanksgiving dinners at my father's. — I was at Mr Bugee's with Peninnah, in the evening.

Friday 27
Mr Bugee's daughter & son here at tea and in the evening.

Saturday 28. A mild day
Leander Moody, of Roberts meadow, buried to day, who came to his death by an accident in repairing his ice house, 25th inst.
Boys are skating on ponds, &c.

Sunday 29
I at meeting A.M. & P.M. and wife P.M. An agent of the American Missionary Society. (Anti-Slavery.) gave us a very satisfactory account of the missions & proceedings of that society. — A mild day. Therm. up to 50.

Monday 30. Still mild

Snow Storm. There was last week in all the Western States, considerable snow, or from 4 inches to 2 feet or more. Little, who came from Illinois last week, found snow all the way from central Illinois to near Albany. — That snow was deeper farther north, in Michigan, Minnesota, &c.

December 1857

Thermometer.

		Sunrise.	10 P.M.	9 P.M.		
Tuesday	1	39.	49.	36	Rainy A.M. Fair P.M. mild.	N.E. & N.W.
	2.	27.	45.	35.	partly cloudy. partly Clear. mild.	S.
	3.	32.	42.	33.	partly cloudy, partly clear	N.W.
	4.	29.	34.	25	Fair & pleasant	N.W.
	5.	26.	29.	26	Cloudy. ½ inch snow.	N. & N.E.
Sund.	6.	22.	28.	30	Cloudy. Little hail & rain in evening and night	N. & N.E
	7	31.	46	34	Fair & pleasant. Thawy.	N.W.
	8.	34.	48.	38.	Mostly Cloudy. muddy	S. & E.
	9.	36.	38.	38.	It rained allday & evening	N.N.E.
	10.	40.	43.	33.	Cloudy A.M. Mostly Fair P.M. high wind in the night.	N.W.
	11.	28.	34.	20.	Fair A.M. Cloudy P.M.	N.W.
	12	15.	31	21.	Fair and pleasant	N.W.
Sund.	13.	15.	39.	30	Fair and Pleasant.	S.W. &
	14.	30.	49.	44.	Fair & pleasant. Very mild.	S.W. N.W.
	15.	30.	42.	35	Fair mostly A.M. Cloudy mostly P.M.	N. ----
	16	31.	44.	36.	mostly Cloudy. mild	N.E
	17.	32	40	39.	Cloudy & misty.	S.
	18.	40.	47	45	Rainy A.M. Cloudy P.M.	N.E.
	19.	35.	40.	28.	Fair & pleasant.	N.W.
Sund	20.	23.	32.	24.	Fair & pleasant. cool.	N.W.
	21.	16.	33.	32	Fair & pleasant. cool. ½ inch snow in night.	N.E: S.
	22	33.	39.	33.	Cloudy. Little rain. misty.	N.E: S.
	23	29.	38.	35.	Fair A.M. Cloudy P.M.	N.W: S
	24.	36.	38	24.	mostly Fair	---N.W.
	25.	13.	20.	14	Some fair. some haze cold.	N.E.
	26.	17.	19.	16	Snowed moderately, 3 inches	N.N.E.
Sund.	27.	6.	22.	5.	Fair and cold.	----
	28	17.	34.	26.	Cloudy.	---- S.
	29	30.	36	22.	Cloudy. Snowed ¾ inch	N.E. &
	30.	26.	33.	31.	Cloudy Snowed ½ inch Snowed 5 inches in the night	N.E.
	31.	33.	44.	37	Cloudy & some rain A.M. & Fair P.M. Thawy & sloshy.	N.E. N.W
		845.	1156.	925		

Temperature

At sunrise $27\frac{8}{31}$
At 1 P.M. $37\frac{2}{31}$
At 9 P.M. $29\frac{26}{31}$
} Average $31^{\circ}\frac{43}{93}$.

December has been very mild, yet not so mild as December 1852 But little snow and no sleighing.

December 1857.

Tuesday 1. Therm. at 49° at 1.
Winter begins with a mild day, and the weather has been mild 3 or 4 days past. Rainy last night and most forenoon; sunshine P.M.
Mr. Oliver Warner, Mr. William Clark, Mr. Silsbee & daughter were here at tea and in evening.

Wednesday 2.
another mild day.

Thursday 3. Colder
I & wife & Pin took tea at S. F. Lyman's and spent the evening there.

Friday 4.

Saturday 5.

Sunday 6.
I was at meeting A.M. & P.M. Wife went P.M. Mr Hall preached.

Monday 7.
Rain & hail last night make rather icy travelling this morning. Only a small part of the ground is white. The western hills are only whitish. A pleasant thawy day. Quite muddy P.M.

Tuesday 8
Another thawy day. Streets very muddy.

Wednesday 9. Rainy all day
Perinnah left us at 10½ to go to Boston with Martha Matthews from Springfield, to attend Parkman's wedding tomorrow. She will be gone some weeks.

Thursday 10
They began to print my Hadley History to day, viz the Illustrations. Printed two forms or 16 pages.

Friday 11

Saturday 12

Sunday 13
I attended a meeting A.M. Staid at home P.M. a pleasant day.

December 1857

Monday 14. mild.

Tuesday 15 do.
attended funeral of Mrs Eunice Hunt (Brick) P.M. She lived near me.

Wednesday 16 still mild

Thursday 17. mild.

Friday 18. mild

Saturday 19. mild.

Sunday 20 cool but very pleasant.
I and wife went to Meeting A.M. Mr Stone of Easthampton preached. We did not go P.M. Frances and Kate here at tea.

Monday 21. cool & pleasant.
The 3 forms or 3d 8 pages of the Hadley History was printed on Saturday, and the 4th form to day. Only 32 pages printed yet.

Tuesday 22 milder
A little snow on the ground this morning – French.
a thawy day with a little rain carried it off. Very muddy

Wednesday 23. milder

Thursday 24.

Friday 25

Saturday 26
First snow of the season fell to day – very moderately about 3 inches.

Sunday 27.
I and wife staid at Home. The snow is light and does not make good sleighing. Wheels out and very few sleighs.

Monday 28.
Tha mudsome. Schutt Hooker here. Waggons run. Very few sleighs.

Tuesday 29

Wednesday 30

Thursday 31
About 5 inches of snow fell last night, but it rains and thaws to day. P.M. There was deep sposh and the travelling bad

December 1857.

Eatables, Wood, &c for 1857.

Wood 6 cords at $5 (one about 5.50)		30.50
Sawing at 67 cents and $4. Splitting 1.00. 7/8 and more.		5.00 .71
		36.21
Sugar 147 lbs. at 10 to 14c, average about 11¼ cts.		16.56
Molasses 5 gallons, 55 to 80 cts average 68 cts		3.40
Tea black 6½ lbs - 35 to 75 cts. average 51 cts.		3.06.
Coffee 7 lbs. ground. at 19c		1.33.
White Oil 3¼ Gallons at 1.10c		3.85
Fluid 7 gallons 75 to 87c. average 78½c		5.50
Butter 80 lbs 22 to 25c average 24 cts		19.20
Cheese 28 lbs 12½ to 15c - average 13½c		3.78
Lard 31 lbs - 5 - at 16 4/5c		5.02
Potatoes - 4½ bushels average about 67c		3.00
Sweet Potatoes, most 2 bushl. some less: 1 bushl		1.83
Apples. 3 bushels, some at 67c most at $1.00		7.33
Soap 33 lbs 9 to 10c at 9½c		3.14
Milk 239½ quarts - - - - 5c		11.97
Eggs. 12 doz. - - - - at 1/.		2.00
		127.18

Flour and Meal

497 lbs Wheat Flour average 4 8/10c		23.85
68 lbs Indian meal, 14 lbs bolted 3c. 47 lbs unb. 2c		1.32
100 lbs Graham meal, 4½ to 5c. average 4 7/10c		4.70
58 lbs Buckwheat Flour, 3 to 3¾ cts, average 3⅕c		1.85
4 lbs Cracked Wheat 4¾c		0.19
10½ lbs Crackers, soda at 10c others 8c. all		0.91
6 lbs Rice - - - 6½c		0.39
		33.21

Meat and Fish.

18 lbs Pork, to salt 14c		2.52
50 lbs Beef, cheap pieces 3 to 5c 4⅓c		2.17
100 lbs Beef, better, 6 to 14c. average 9 1/7c		9.14
10¾ lbs Lamb, fore Quarter 12½c		1.34
9¾ lbs Sausages, 12 to 14c 13¼c		1.29
6¼ lbs Smoked Halibut 11 to 12½c 11¾c		0.73
25 lbs Codfish Dry. average 5 3/8c		1.40
10 3/4 lbs Shaded or 3 shad 25.33 and 25c		0.83
Chickens - - - - - 10c		0.50
		20.00
		$180.39

January 1858.

Page of Eatables, Wood, &c for 1858

Jan. 1. Wood on hand 2 3/8 cords or 2 1/4 by old and bought this winter 1 1/2 cords @ 5.00 and 1/2 cord at 5.50. $11.50
Sawing at 6 cents 1.50

Feb. 6. of S. Edwards 92 feet beech. Feb 13. 97 feet. Feb 17. 100 ft. Feb 19. 103 ft. Feb 26. 96 feet
Feb 9 of Elihu Bartlett Jr. 1 cord oak 5.00 paid by assessors land. Sawing 69 5.69
March 20. Sawing S. Edwards wood 3 cords 104 feet + splitting at 6/ cord 3.81
April 10. Piling wood &c. 1.33 — on hand 3 3/4 cords new, near 1 1/2 cord — or 4 3/4 to 5 cords, as bought. Settled with S. Edwards June 28. 1858
Nov. 1 Cord of Oak of S. Jewett 7.5. Sawing 67c 1 load 3.5 E. Nov 5 72. Sawing 67c 130 feet. Dec 10. 106 feet
Dec 11. 150 feet hemlock S.E. Sawing + split 10 1.67 8 3/4 10

Sugar on hand 8 lbs @ 10; 14 lbs W. 6/. 6 lbs W. 6 lbs pd. 13 lbs W. 11 1/2 lbs W. ap. 27. 2 lbs
9 lbs crushed 6/ W. 10 1/2 lbs coffee sugar 6/ W. June 1. 14 lbs 6/ W. July 7. 10 lbs 6/ W. Aug 5
Sept 14. 5 1/2 lbs pd 3/ 1 lb 6/ W. Sept 21. 9 lbs 6/ W. Sept 29. 10 lbs W. 6/ Oct 1. 12 lbs 6/ 5 lbs 3/ pd
Nov 17. 12 lbs 6/ ap 6/ W. Sept 21. Bath paid 5.P.

Molasses on hand 3 quarts @ 45c Gal; 1 Gal. W. Ap. 3. 1 Gal. 75 Mol. of Ford April 7
May 26. 1 Gal 44c W. 1 Gal. W. May 5. 44c 1 Gal. W. Sept 9. 50c 1 Gal Nov 1. 45c pd. 13

Tea on hand — none 1/2 lb pd. 60c 1 lb pd. 60c 1 lb pd. May 14. 1/2 lb 32c June 25. T. | 1/4 lb T. | 1/4 lb pd. 1/4 W.
2 lbs W. at 50c July 21 1 lb 50c Oct. 16. 1 lb 50c Nov 27. 13

Coffee on hand none. 17 1 lb W 1 lb W. Ap 19 1 lb Sept 11 W. 1 lb W. Nov. 24
Sold 2 2 1/2 lbs at 25c 1 lb 25.

Whale Oil 3 qts at 1.10. 29 1/2 Mch 24 + Ap. 24. 1 qt 25 May 31. 1/2 qt 25 + 25 May 10 + Sept 10. 25, 25 Oct 7.
Kerosene Oil. 1 pint 1. 29 1/2 63. Feb 24. 2 qts 63. Ap. 28. 2 qts Sept 28. 63c | 1 qt 25 Dec 4. 1 qt 25. Dec 30

Fluid 3 qts at 70c. 1 Gal. 70c Feb 27. 1 Gal. 70c pd July 4. 1 Gal 70c pd Oct 30.
1 Gal Dec 7. 70c 1 Gal Dec 24. 70c

Butter 4 lbs @ 25c; 1 lb to Feb 25. of Hoxie 1.5 lb: 1 lb to Mch 29. 1.97: 6 c 76 lbs 22c
1 lb 22c pd. 4 lbs 53 in May. 95 pd. 2 lbs 40c pd of Mrs Clark. 2 in June of Hoxie 12 2/16 lbs @ 22c. 2.76 pd
1 lb 7 3/4 at 22c in July + Aug. 3.63 pd. 3 lbs ditto Aug 66c 10 lbs 13 3 in Sept 10 lbs 13 3c 22c 2.38 pd.
5 3/4 in 1.26 pd 7 1/2 lbs in Nov 2.06 pd. 7 3/4 lbs in Dec 1.70 pd Jan. 5

Cheese none. 2/ 3 lbs 8c. 1 1/4 lbs at 11c. 3 1/4 12c 3 6/16 10 T. | 2 1/2 T. 2 3/4 D pd. 1 10/16 lb. T. | 2 1/2 lbs pd
3 1/2 12c pd. 1 3/4 11c T. Aug. 19. 1 1/16 at 11c T. | 3 lbs @ 12c paid

Lard 4 lbs @ 16c (May 1. 2 1/2 lbs at 12c. 22 lbs returned, + 16 more sent
so 19 1/2 lbs had at 12c had also 2 lbs 14 3 at 15c. 3 at 4 lbs Sept T. | 3 3/4 lbs pd. 15 2 lbs pd. 8 lbs Dec 15c

Wheat Flour 43 lbs @ 5c. 1 bbl. 8.68. Jan. 14. 24 lbs 1.00. 6 lbs 25
July 14 1 bbl from Hartford 7.12.

Indian meal none 5 lbs. 2 1/2c 12. 2 3/4 12. 2 3/4 11. 2 1/2 12 Aug. 10 3 Oct. 8 2 Dec.

Graham meal none 8 lbs. 4 1/2 11. 4 1/4c 16. 4 1/4 20. 2 4 lbs 6/ June 29

Buckwheat flour. 9 lbs at 3 1/3. 7 lbs at 3c
Rye flour 19 lbs @ 3c. 16 lbs 3c 10 1/2 lbs at 3c 2 1/2 1/3 at 3c Dec 18.

Meat. Salt Pork 6 lbs @ 14c. 20 lbs at 12c.

Beef none 3 5/16 lbs 3 12 1/2 lbs. 8 T. 1 11/16 7 3 pd | 2 12 1/2 lbs T. 2 12 1/2 T. 1 12 1/2 D pd 1 lb T. 2 12 1/2 T.
6 lbs T. 4 3/4 lbs 9 T. 2 3 4 lbs, 4 3 8 T. 1 12 pd | 2 6 12 1/2 and 5 1/2 10 July 5. T. 5 3 lbs T. 3 12 1/2 pd 3 pd 1 12 1/2 pd 4 1/2 13
6 lbs 7c 3 1/2 lbs at 10c 3 2 at 10 1 1/2 at 8c Sept T. 2 3/4 at 8c 3 1/4 D 8 3 lbs. 1 lb 10c T.
Pork fish 3 1/4 D 8c. 5 3/4 D at 2c. 1 1/2 lbs @ 10c pd. 6 1/4 at 7 pd. 4 1/2 8c pd. 3 3/4 at 10c pd. 6 3/4 pd

Sausages 2 lbs 12c
Ham 10 14c lbs T.
Veal 11 lbs pd. 3 1/2 lbs T. 5 5 lbs T.
3 Fowls 6 1/2 lbs at 12c.

Sm. Halibut 1 lb T. 2 3/4 11c 1/2 T. 1 3/4 T.
Codfish 3 lbs at 5c; 5 1/2 lbs T. 5 lbs T. | 8 lbs
1 Shad 30c. 25c. 25c. 10c.

Soaps. 2 boxes of Walker 140 lbs on hand.

Potatoes 1/2 bushel: 1 bushel of S. Edwards Mann 3.66 1 peck 25c 1 peck 37
New 1/2 peck 19c 1/2 peck 8c do 6. 6c 13c 15c 2 and 13. 1 bushel of S. E Dec 11.
Sweet do 6c 12c. 12c 8c 21c 10c. 9, 11c 9c.

Apples 4 or 4 1/2 bushels @ 1.00. Last to till middle of May
In fall, 1 peck 18c 1/2 bushel 20c 6c 1 bushel 40c. 6 bushel of S. Edwards 1 Oct. 27
do Nov 1.

Eggs — some packed last May. 1/4 doz 25c 1 doz 18c 2 doz at 15c
Bunch 2 lbs 3 30c. May 19 12 1/2 doz. Eggs @ 14c 1.75. 1 doz. 20c
Rice 1 1/2 lbs. 4 lbs W. at 5c 5 lbs at 5.16. 5 lbs at 5 W.

Crackers — 1 1/2 lbs at 10c. W. 1 1/2 lbs at 8c pd 1 1/2 at 7c pd 2 1/2 lbs at 7c. 1 lb 10c W.
1 lb 8c

Of Samuel Edwards. Nov. 1. 5 Gal Vinegar. 1 peck Turnips

January 1858.

Thermometer.

		Sunrise	10 P.M.	9 P.M.		
Friday	1	27.	42.	34.	mostly fair. Thawy.	S.
	2	20.	39.	32	Some fair. some cloudy. Thawd.	S
Sund.	3	29.	33.	36.	Fair. Thawd some.	S. & c
	4.	31.	46.	39.	Fair. Thawy. ---	S
	5	37.	46.	31.	Hazy & sunshine. ----	
	6.	22.	24.	20	Snowed most of day 4 inches.	N.N.E
	7	19.	34.	15	Fair & pleasant. Thawd a little.	N.W.
	8.	4.	21.	4.	Clear and cold.	N.E.
	9.	4.	25.	34.	Cloudy. Snowd 1½ inch.	S.
Sund.	10.	23.	38.	14	Fair & pleasant. Thawd some.	N.E
	11	24	37.	41.	Rained nearly all day	N.E: S.E
	12	27.	42.	28.	Fair & pleasant. Thawy	S.W. N.W.
	13.	24.	33.	31.	Fair A.M. Hazy P.M.	N.E: S.E.
	14.	28	44.	22.	Sunshine & haze. Thawy.	N.E: S.E
	15.	15	37.	33.	Sunshine A.M. Cloudy P.M. Some rain in night.	N.E.
	16	35.	42.	39	Rainy A.M. Cloudy P.M. Thawy.	N.E. N.
Sund	17	34.	35.	22	Fair mostly. ---	
	18.	15.	29	24	Fair & pleasant.	N.E.
	19.	19.	29.	21.	mostly Cloudy ——	N.E: S.W
	20.	9.	29.	20	Fair and pleasant	N.E: S.W: N.W
	21.	15.	42.	30.	Fair and pleasant. Thawy	S.E: S.W.
	22.	24.	22.	11.	Fair and cold.	N.E.
	23.	4.	24.	22	Fair and cold	N.E: S.W.
Sund	24.	25.	42.	36	Fair. Thawy	S.W. & c
	25.	36.	52.	39.	½ Fair ½ cloudy. Thawy	S.
	26.	36.	45.	40	Cloudy A.M. Rainy P.M. Thawy.	S.
	27.	38.	47.	36	Cloudy mostly. Thawy	N.W. & c
	28	36	36.	31.	Cloudy. Little sleet.	N.E.
	29.	26.	29.	24.	Cloudy.	N.E.
	30.	24.	30.	21.	Mostly cloudy. Some Fair	N.W.
Sund	31.	12.	24.	14	Fair.	
		721	1098	844		

Temperature

At Sunrise $23\frac{8}{31}$
At 10 P.M. $35\frac{13}{31}$
At 9 P.M. $27\frac{7}{31}$

Average $28^{\circ}\frac{59}{93}$.

January has been a mild, moderate month and rather pleasant, but no warmer than 1834 1848, and differs little from 1855.

January 1858.

Friday 1.

The year begins with the earth covered with 5 or 6 inches of snow in many places; in others only 3 or 4 inches. Sleighs began to run yesterday in the snow and water; it is now frozen, and if not too warm, there will be tolerable sleighing.

The day has been thawy, but many sleighs have been moving.

Saturday 2.

Pretty good sleighing. Thawy some.

Sunday 3.

I and wife did not attend meeting. Good sleighing. I called at Capt. Parsons's in the evening.

Monday 4. Quite thawy. Much bare ground in the street. I went to day & carried some flour to a poor family (Smith & Weeks) at the foot of Pancake Hill. Such wretched poverty & dirtiness I never saw.

Tuesday 5

2 forms of the Hadley History printed to day making 7 or 56 pages, but paged to 64. 8 blank pages at beginning

Wednesday 6.

4 inches of snow fell to day. Sleighs are brisk.

Thursday 7

Fine sleighing. Pleasant day.

Friday 8

Fine sleighing. Cold & pleasant.

I attended the funeral of Lewis Bliss, who died suddenly — an old neighbor when I lived on King Street. Funeral at Unitarian Meeting House.

Saturday 9.

Sunday 10.

I and wife went to meeting P.M. I have no seat for this year. Good sleighing. Pres. Wheeler preached, with a long white beard.

Monday 11.

Rainy day. Roads & snow full of water. Rainy evening.

Tuesday 12

Rain. Thawy. Snow & water, but less than yesterday. Tolerable sleighing yet. Rev. Dr. Davis of Westfield called here to day.

Wednesday 13.

Thawed a little. Ez Hall White here to day. Roxana Hubbard P.M. and evening.

January 1858

Thursday 14.
Thawy. Sleighing bad, but sleighs run yet.

Friday 15.

Saturday 16
Rain & Thaw have nearly finished the sleighing but sleighs still get about.

Sunday 17
Did not attend meeting.

Monday 18
Colder. almost all are on wheels. Roads rough.

Tuesday 19.

Wednesday 20
Much skating on the mill pond for some days — males and females.

Thursday 21.
Received of Geo. Sheldon for Isaac S. $39.78
for Frances, for interest on her note one year and interest on the interest not paid in season.
Feb 6. Sent it out to Frances by Penninah.

Friday 22
Penninah came home about 6 this evening having been absent since Dec. 9th 6 weeks and 2 days. She has been at Boston Reading, Salem, &c. and staid on her return 6 days at Groton with Mr & Mrs (Addie) Hammond. She intended to visit brother Hall at Greenfield but wife has been unwell some days, and I wrote word to brother Hall that we wished to have her come directly home, & so she came from Groton to day, got my letter at the depot Greenfield, & came right home.

Saturday 23.

Sunday 24
I attended meeting A.M.

Monday 25
Tuesday. 26
Wednesday 27
Thursday 28
Friday 29
Saturday 30
Sunday 31. Staid at home

February. 1858

Thermometer

		Sunrise.	10 PM.	9 PM.		
Monday	1	11.	26.	24.	Fair some snow in night	S: W. W. S.E. 2½ or 3 inches.
	2	29.	35.	34.	Cloudy. Some rain A.M.	N: N.E.
	3.	34.	43.	35.	Mostly Cloudy. some fair.	N.W.
	4.	28.	37.	26.	Fair & pleasant	N.W.
	5	19.	28.	23.	Fair & pleasant	N.W. & c
	6.	21.	29.	21.	Fair & pleasant	N.W. & c
Sund	7.	22.	40.	33.	Some Fair. more Cloudy. Thawy.	S.E: S: S.W.
	8	28.	32.	20.	Mostly Fair.	N.W.
	9.	16	27	23.	Cloudy. Snowed 1 inch.	S: N.
	10.	30.	43.	16.	Mostly cloudy. Some Fair.	N.W.
	11	4.	11	3.	Fair and cold.	N.W.
	12	0.	23	13.	Fair and pleasant. cold.	S: N.W.
	13.	2	21.	11.	Cloudy. raw & cold.	N.E.
Sund	14.	9.	21.	16	Cloudy. Little snow P.M. cold.	N.E.
	15.	14.	16.	12.	Mostly Fair. cold.	N.W.
	16	5.	32.	9.	Fair, windy. unpleasant	S.W. & c
	17.	4.	13.	8	Fair, windy, cold.	N: N.E: N.W
	18.	5.	18	5	Fair. cold.	
	19	3 below 0.	19.	12	mostly cloudy. cold	N.E. & c
	20	15.	22.	20.	Snowy & windy most of day. 4 or 5 inches fell.	N.E: N.
Sund	21.	19.	36.	28	Fair. Thawy.	N.W: S.W.
	22.	15	26.	15.	Fair. Thawed a little.	N.W.
	23	1 below 0.	20.	11.	Fair. cold.	N.E: N.W.
	24.	6 below 0.	28.	21.	Fair.	S.W.
	25	10	43.	27.	partly Fair Thawy ...	S: S.E: & c
	26	25.	40.	21.	mostly fair. Thawy.	N.W.
	27	8.	44.	32.	Fair and pleasant. Thawy.	S.
Sund	28.	24	37.	36.	Fair. Thawy. Sposhy.	S.
		397	824	555		

Temperature

At sunrise — $13\frac{13}{28}$
At 10 PM. $29\frac{12}{28}$
At 9 PM — $19\frac{23}{28}$
} $21\frac{2}{28}$ average

February has been as cold as usual, and colder than some years, but the weather has been pleasant — very much so, and no disagreeable storms, yet most of the time pretty good sleighing. The winter has been unusually pleasant, and milder than most winters. February was much colder than ~~December~~ January

February 1858.

Monday 1.
A fine pleasant day, but the weather is cool. January has been remarkably mild, and most people think there never was such a January. They are mistaken I think, though such winters as this has been do not come very often. There is some snow on the hills, and some elsewhere, but no sleighing. The skaters have a busy time.

Tuesday 2.
Mrs Isaac Clark, Mrs. Clary, Miss Eliza, & Miss Clary's two daughters were here at tea & in evening. Sleighs run on the snow that fell last night

Wednesday 3.
A good deal of sleighing to day. Thawed some The snow has spoiled the skating.

Thursday 4. Pleasant. Good sleighing.

Friday 5. Pleasant. Good sleighing.

Saturday 6. Pleasant. Good sleighing.
The skaters are out again. Some got into lower mill pond.

Sunday 7. Thawy.
I was at meeting A.M. and P.M. Mr Hall preached. I sat for the first time in pew No 12, of which I have hired one third for one third of 31 dollars. This includes the minister's salary.

Monday 8.
Sleighs run briskly and much wood is brought into the village, though there are spots of bare ground.

Tuesday 9
Think snow fell. Sleighs & wood sleds plenty.
Pages 88 to 104 of Hadley History printed to day.

Wednesday 10.
Good sleighing and sledding.
For some days past many have been sledding ice from the upper pond, which is about 8 to 12 inches thick, notwithstanding mild weather. The skaters are now merry on the lower pond, ~~and Primus went today~~. It is fashionable for ladies to skate, and they need handsome, expensive skates.

Thursday 11. Primus began to skate to day. She borrowed skates.

Friday 12 cold

Saturday 13. cold
Fine sleighing. A party skating near Hockanum Ferry — ~~more~~ girls then men.

February 1858

Sunday 14. I did not attend meeting. A cold, disagreeable day.

Monday 15. Cold day. Fine sleighing.

Tuesday 16. Disagreeable day. do.
4 pages 105 to 120 of Hadley History printed.

Wednesday 17. Cold day ——— do

Thursday 18 cold day do.

Friday 19 Thermometer below zero at my house the first time this winter. It has been at zero before.

Saturday 20
Snowed 4 or 5 inches. Still cold.

Sunday 21. Thawed some.
I attended meeting A.M. & P.M. Am agent A.M. McHall P.M. Washington Clapp here after meeting.

Monday 22 Rather cold. Goods sleighing.

Tuesday 23. cold. do.

Wednesday 24. cold do.
It thaws a little almost every day, and makes some bare ground where the snow is thin in the road, but then it generally snows enough by the sides of the road to where sleds are, and sleighing & sledding go on briskly.

Thursday 25
A thawy day. Wood comes in plentifully, but the sledding is becoming poor in spots.

Friday 26
Another thawy day. Sleighs & sleds still brisk

Saturday 27.
Most thawy day yet. Road muddy in spots.

Sunday 28.
Warmest day this year. Thermometer up to 51°. much mud and water in the street, and snow soft and sloppy. Yet sleighs are out as usual, as there is snow by the side of the road most of the way.
I attended meeting A.M. and P.M.

March, 1858.

Money Matters.

Receipts

March 1.	Balance on 126th page	$16.64
April 5.	Clearing 9c. Rec'd of Son J Walker 10$	10.09
9	Interest on Mr Jewett's note 1 year to April 8.	9.00
9	Dividend from Greenfield Bank, 3 per ct. on 15 shares	45.00
21	Col. Elisha Edwards paid his note & interest	106.00
21	Col Shepard paid Interest on his note 516 1 year	30.96
		217.69
May 25	of Samuel Edwards (see page 169)	32.57
June 22	Took from N.H. Bank April Dividend 4 per ct.	40.00
		$290.26

Expenditures

March 1.	1 doz. Eggs 18c. Stamps 10c. Yeast 3c. Staples 27c.	0.38.
6.	Meat 14c. 1 lb Cocoa 25c. Envelopes 5c. White beans 20c.	0.64.
13	mending tin cup 5c. Sent to Mr Swift, shoemaker, by Frame	1.15
15	Sawing wood $1.00. 1 do 1.00. 20 lbs sawing & splitting 1.81	3.81
18.	16 lb Graham 68c. 12 lb Indian 33c. 1 lb Tea 60c. Pening 40c.	2.01
20.	Penin. 25c 6 lb Sugar 50c 1 qt Oil 25c. 9 lb Butter, March 29 1.97	2.97
29	Cheese 15c mending shoe 10c. Postage in advance 14c.	0.39
April 1.	Beef 20c. Postage in advance 7c 10 stamps 30c. Cheese 10c	0.67
9.	Buttons 8c. paid Mr Jewett, his rent for 1857. 5.00	5.08
9	Mrs Jewett's Milk for last Quarter 68 quarts 5c	3.40.
9	Paid bill of meat & cat Thayer & Sargeant's to April 1.	2.30
10.	12 lb Ind. Meal 33c. Temple, piling wood &c. 1.34.	1.67
10.	Paid Metcalf towards Printing Hist of Hadley	40.00
14	Paid L Clark for two one horse loads of manure Pehennah $1.00	2.00
16.	2 doz Eggs 36c. Veal 16c. 17 lb Buckwheat meal 51c.	0.96
19	Frogs 5c. Bridge 3c Veal 19c. Potatoes 25c. Beans 10c	0.62
21	Paid Metcalf for printing Hist of Hadley	40.00
21	do do for 20 reams paper at $3.22c. 64.40 add Freight 45c. Deduct for pay before the time 90 - 45	63.95
		173.00
23.	Timothy, Irishman, for work in Garden 1½ day & more	1.57
23	Yeast 3c. Seeds 10c. Cheese 17c. 1 qt Oil 25. Beef 12c	0.67
26	Temple for work in garden, at backhouse &c. 50. Stamps 30.	0.80
30.	4 qts beans 32c. Post office box 13c.	0.45
28	Paid Hillman &c for Kerosene lamp, oil, tea kettle &c.	3.24
		181.72
May 4	Bridge 3c. figs 5. Cheese 19c. Veal 15. 20 lb Intervale meal 80c 20 lb Graham 80c	1.22
7.	Thayer & Sargeant 25½ lb lard & 26 lb pork 45½ 16 lb 12c.	5.46.
7	Dea. Jared Clark for work to this date 25c. Bridge &c 5c.	0.30
10.	1 Shad 30. Garden seeds 23c. 11 lb Butter of Hoxie in April 1.90	1.93
14	1 lb Tea 60c. paid Northampton Courier to April 1 $2.	2.60
16	Contribution 25c. Crackers 12c. 12½ doz Eggs at 14c. 1.75. Lime 3c.	2.15
24	Bridge 3c. & 3c. figs 5. Mending Toast from 7c Ch. Clk 10	0.25
25	Clothes Pins 4c. Shad 25c. Cattleman 5. Beef 19c. Silk 25c	0.78
31.	Yeast 3c. Indian meal 30c. 1 qt oil 25c	0.58
		197.02
June 1.	Paid Mr Jewett for 134 feet boards $1.35. 1 lb Cocoa 25c	1.60
3	Mr Macomber's bill for brick & laying in wall & in piers	8.43
	Mrs Ryan 1 day cleaning up after plasterers & joiners 70c. Tilton 2d	0.72
	Laura Bartlett making pantaloons 92c. 2 doz Eggs 30c	1.22
4	Shad & mackerel 35c. Butter 23c. Brick & laying over Butting &c. 35	0.93
5.	Tilton 3c. Butter 95c for May. Cheese 19c. 2 Washings $1.00	2.29
16	Horse & waggon to Hadley 75. Toll 12c. Cheese 12c	0.99.
21	Pears 19c. Paid Charles Clark 15. Ink Powder 8c. Yeast 3c.	0.45.
	washing 50c. Jewett for stones & boards 25. Sundries 11c.	0.86
29	Washwoman 50c. Beans 24c (dry) 2 qts Graham meal 1.00. Toll 12c.	0.56
	Beef 18c. Potatoes 37c. Sundries 3c	0.58
July 1	Balance to 183d page	73.40
		$290.26

March, 1858.

Letters sent -- continued from page 116.

1858
March 6. To Franklin Hunt, 42 City Exchange, Devonshire St. Boston
8 To Oliver Warner, Sec'y of State, Boston!
12 To Wm. S. Porter, Newhaven, Conn.
20 To Lewis Lombard, Charlestown, Mass.
22 To Col Elisha Edwards, Southampton (for Dr. College.
30 To Rev. John Richards, Hanover, N.H.
April 12. To R.R. Hinman, Esq. Oxford, Ohio
19 To Prof. W.C. Fowler, Amherst. (sent 26th.
21 To Joseph Willard, Esq. Boston.
26 To James Savage Esq. Boston.
30 To son C. Parkman. Boston

May 25 To Sister Jane H. Matthews. Springfield
26 To son C.P. Judd Boston & Reading.

June 29. To Mr Savage at Lunenburg — short letter.
July 3. To Mr. A.S. Kellogg. Vernon, Conn. in reply.
7. To Mr Savage at Lunenburg. 1 sheet.
21. To son J.W. York — sent in it $1 to pay for Hour he sent me, which cost 6.50 in Hartford.
24 To R. D. Smith. Esq. Guilford.
27 To A.S. Kellogg, Vernon, Conn. 2½ sheets in regard to Whites.
Aug 7 To Joseph W. Wright, Boston.
11 To R. Manning Chipman, Guilford, Conn
14 To W. B. Trask, Boston
Sept 1. To Mrs Emma Rogers, Lunenburg, Mass. (daughter of Hon. James Savage — he sick.
Oct 20. Sent a note with 2 dollars to S.G. Drake, Boston. to pay for H.G. Register for 1858.
Oct 25 To L. M. Boltwood, Amherst.
Nov 11. To Rev Lemuel Dada. Fulton, Oswego Co. N.Y.
22 To L.L.C. Elmer. Esq. Bridgeton, New Jersey
Dec 3. To L.L.C. Elmer. Esq. do do.
3 To Orange Judd, 189 Water Street, N York. and 8 copies of Judd Genealogy.
10. To A.S. Kellogg, Vernon, Con. 1½ sheet. in reg. to Whites
10 To P.M. Pomeroy, Woodbury Con.
11 To R. M. Chipman, Esq. Guilford, Conn.
11. To Dear Lewis M. Norton. Goshen. Conn
29. To Rev Wm L. Strong, Fayetteville, Onondaga Co. N.Y.
29. To James C. Strong. Esq. Buffalo, N.Y. nephew of Mrs L.S.
1859 Jan. 14 To Mrs Betsey Judd, wid. of Dr Elnathan Judd Honolulu, Sandwich Islands; with a Judd Genealogy.
Jan. 20. Wrote to son C.P. Judd, with order for B. & Rail Road Dividend — 8 Court Street Boston.
Feb 15. To Pliny H. White, Esq. Coventry, Vermont
March 7. To Dear L.M. Norton Goshen, Con.

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March 1858.

Thermometer

	day	Sunrise,	1 P.m.	9 P.m		
monday	1	38.	43.	35.	mostly Cloudy. Thawy. 1/2 inch snow in night.	N.W. & N.
	2	27.	32.	17.	Cloudy. 1 inch snow fell.	N.W.
	3.	8.	22.	5	Fair. cold	N.W.
	4	6 below 0.	24.	10	Fair A.M. Cloudy P.M. Cold.	N.E: N.
	5.	2	14.	8.	Fair A.M. Hazy or Cloudy P.M. Very Cold.	N.W.
	6.	8.	18.	14.	Fair. and cold — — —	N.W,
Sund	7.	14.	26.	18	Fair and cold. — — —	N.W.
	8.	11.	36.	20.	mostly Cloudy Little Thawy Snowed in night 2 inches	S.E; N.E,
	9.	16.	28.	19.	Fair A.M. Cloudy P.M. cold	N.W,
	10.	19.	38.	25	Cloudy. unpleasant.	Northerly
	11	15.	44.	34	Snow 1/2 inch. Day mostly cloudy. Thawy	S.E.
	12.	20	33.	27.	mostly fair. Thawy. —	N.W.
	13	26.	33.	23.	Fair and pleasant. Thawy.	N.W.
Sund	14.	24.	40.	38.	Cloudy Thawy.	S.
	15.	31.	51.	39	mostly Cloudy. warm. Thawy.	N.E: S.
	16.	36.	46.	34	Cloudy warm. Thawy.	S.
	17	36.	50.	43.	Cloudy A.M. Fair P.M. Warm Thawy.	S.W
	18.	36.	55.	44.	pt Cloudy. pt fair warm. Thawy	S.W: N.W.
	19.	37.	44.	29	Fair. Thawy.	N.E.
	20.	23.	46	35.	Fair & pleasant. Thawy.	N.E: S.
Sund	21.	35.	45.	40	Cloudy & some rain. Hyperwind in the night	Southerly,
	22.	35.	42.	33.	Fair & windy & unpleasant.	N.W.
	23.	25.	40.	30	Fair and pleasant.	N.E.
	24.	22.	42.	31.	Fair and pleasant	N.W.
	25.	25.	54.	40	pt Cloudy. pt Fair — — —	N.W.
	26.	29.	42.	32.	Fair & pleasant —	N.W.
	27.	28.	46.	35.	Fair & pleasant —	N.W.
Sund	28.	34.	50	38	Fair & pleasant —	N.E.
	29.	27.	56.	45	Fair & pleasant	N.E. S.E. N.W.
	30.	34.	57.	40.	Fair & pleasant	N.E; S.E
	31.	29.	58.	38	Fair & pleasant.	N.E.
		744.	1245.	922		

Temperature

At sunrise 24°
At 1 P.m. 40. 5/31
At 9 P.m. 29 23/31

} Average 31° 28/93

Just the same as last year, and about as 1855 & 1854
Some cold days the first week — rest moderate.
Below zero one morning which is rare in March

March, 1858.

Monday. 1st.

A thawy day. Street muddy + watery. Many wheels are out to day, though some sleighs continue to run. Western hills are still white, but eastern ones are spotted having much bare ground. N. side of Tom and Holyoke are mostly white.

Tuesday 2.

Cloudy and rather cold. 2 or 2½ inches of snow fell last night and to day. Sleighs out again, but not good sleighing.

Wednesday 3

Fair and rather cold. Pretty good sleighing again. Eaves run some, but very little thawing in the road. Mr Eddy or dan'd over the old Church. A great assembly present.

Thursday 4. 6° below 0 at sunrise.

Cold. Good sleighing in general; some bare spots. Sleighs are plenty. It thawed a little where the snow was thin in the road. Only one morning the past winter was as cold as this morning.

Friday 5

Another cold day — very cold. No thawing any where. Fidelia Wright here to day, dau of niece Martha Wright d. She starts for St Louis next week, with her uncle Wright. Sleighs run briskly.

Saturday 6.

Still cold. Some wheels pass out of town, where last snow blew away.

Sunday 7

Still cold. Thawed a little. I attended meeting A.M. Dr. Robert, (O.O.) came to see wife to day. She has been complaining some weeks, of dizziness, &c. A week of winter weather in March.

Monday 8.

A little more mild, but still wintry.

Tuesday 9

A little snow last night — very light. Still wintry. Sleighs plenty + some wheels.

Wednesday 10

Thursday 11.

Moderate weather again. Thawy and splashy.

Friday 12

Saturday 13

Sunday 14

attended meeting A.M. + P.M. Bad walking. Mr Holl preached. Rev Mr Ware + Anna Sibley here at tea + in evening. Frances here at tea.

March, 1858.

Monday 15.
Warm, snow melts fast. Road muddy.
Town meeting to day. I did not go near it.

Tuesday 16.
Still warm, cloudy, muddy, & unpleasant.

Wednesday 17.
Still warm, thawy & muddy. Much water running.
Blue birds, I heard to day. Have heard no other Spring birds. They come later than some years

Thursday 18. Therm. up to 55°
Warmest day yet. Snow goes rapidly and hills are spotted westerly, and nearly bare easterly.
Robins and Song Sparrows, or some kind of Sparrows, are heard to day.

Friday 19.
Another, thawy, drying day, but not so warm.
The hills, mountains & lowlands are becoming bare very fast. Not much snow seen, in general.
Road & sidewalk becoming dry.
Sister Irene came from South Deerfield P. M.

Saturday 20.

Sunday 21.
I did not attend meeting. A wet day.

Monday 22.
A windy day after a windy night.
Revivals of Religion in various parts of the country are the subject of conversation, and they occupy many columns in secular as well as religious newspapers. There is a good deal of serious attention in this town and has been some weeks; and in many towns in the region around.

Tuesday 23.

Wednesday 24.
Maple sugar has been for sale some days. The maple trees about houses here, have been tapped the present week.

Thursday 25
There is bird music every day — robins, blue birds, song sparrows. Also some other sparrows, and some small birds apparently going to the north. Crows are noisy in the morning.

Friday 26.

The snow is nearly gone. A little is seen in spots on the N.W. sides of Toms & Holyoke, and on western hills, and in some places on the lowlands, but very little is seen any where. The side walk from my house to the Post Office is almost all dry, though the road has some mud.

Saturday 27.

Sunday 28

I attended A.M. & P.M. Mr Hall preached. It was a pleasant day; the side walks are nearly dry, and the road also most of the way to the meeting house. Dust begins to fly in Elm street. A few spots of snow are still seen. Many people out to attend meeting today. Somewhat increased by the attention to religion. The people of the old society seem to be very well suited with their new minister, Mr. Eddy.

Monday 29.

The ice has been gone from the Connecticut up to Hartford and above some time. On the 25th it went off to Springfield and above, but continued above the dam at Holyoke, on the Falls. The ice is said to be gone between N.H. and Hockanum, and higher, but remains now above the Holyoke dam.

Warmest day this year. Josiah Clark & wife and Mrs (Isaac) Clark here in the evening.

Tuesday 30 Mr Sisby married.

Wednesday 31

A warm & pleasant week for the last week in March.

Vegetation

Buds of maple, elms, & other trees & shrubs are swelled.

Tulips & some other garden plants show leaves.

Daffodils about as Tulips.

Crocus's show leaves & almost flowers. In blossom April 1 & 2.

Violets, a few, are seen in flower.

Grass is all brown in the meadows and mostly in the uplands. A little greenness on warm spots about houses, & road sides.

Flies, large & small, are seen out of doors.

In general, there is no perceivable change in grass, shrubs & trees

Small beech trees retain the leaves of last year

April, 1858

Thermometer.

		Sunrise.	1 P.M.	9 P.M.		
Thursday	1	27.	58.	42.	Fair & pleasant.	N.E: S.
	2	31.	60.	45.	Some fair. Some Cloudy	S.W.
	3	35.	67.	56.	Fog in morn. Day fair, smoky, warm.	N.E.
Sund	4	40.	61.	47	Sunshine. Some haze.	N.E: S.
	5	36.	60.	51.	Fair & pleasant.	S.E: S
	6	45.	48.	38.	Mostly Cloudy – not pleasant.	N.W.
	7	27.	41.	33.	Fair, cold, unpleasant.	N.W.
	8.	22.	53.	45.	Fair with haze	N.E.
	9.	39.	52.	50	Rainy till 10. P.M. partly fair	S.
	10	45.	58.	40	Mostly fair.	N.W.
Sund	11.	30	55.	44.	Some fair. Some haze & clouds	N.E.
	12.	38.	57	42	Mostly Cloudy. Rain in evening & all night	E.N.E. S.W
	13.	36.	40	39.	Rainy by turns	N.E
	14.	37.	58	43	Cloudy till 3. Fair after.	N.E: S: N.W.
	15.	34.	61.	47.	Mostly Fair. many clouds	N.W. &c
	16	44.	65.	42	Mostly fair.	N.W. &c
	17.	34.	58.	42	Fair	N.W.
Sunde	18.	29.	57.	46	Fair	N.W. &c
	19.	32.	57.	47.	Sunshine, haze & clouds.	S.E.
	20.	42.	42.	36.	Cloudy. Drizzly Rain in evening & night	E.N.E
	21.	35.	43.	42	Cloudy.	N.E. &c
	22.	35.	62	48	Fair & pleasant	N.E: S.
	23.	45.	60.	42.	Cloudy & some rain Some rain in night.	S. &c
	24.	33.	50.	34.	Cloudy A.M. Fair P.M.	S: S.W: W.
Sund	25.	28.	51.	39.	mostly cloudy	N.W. &c.
	26.	29.	49.	37.	mostly fair. Some cloudy	N.W.
	27.	31.	44	36	Cloudy. cold.	N.E. &c
	28	36.	53	42	Hazy. windy	N.W.
	29	38.	61.	52.	Fair	S. &c
	30.	46.	66.	60	Cloudy. Showers A.M. & Thunder	S. &c
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Temperature

At sunrise 35 9/30
At 1 P.M. 54 27/30
At 9 P.M 43. 17/60

} average 44° 53/90.

About an an average temperature or a little higher. Almost 5 degrees warmer than last year. A good month for business.

April, 1858

Thursday 1.

Robins sing merrily in the morning. Robins, bluebirds & sparrows are all the spring birds I have noticed. Others are probably here.

Blackbirds I saw in P.M. near South street bridge.

Butterflies. I have seen two in Elm Street. Not the large ones usually seen so early.

Meadow about Fort Hill — visited it this P.M. went down on the dike:

Adder tongue has leaves 1. 2 & 3 inches long. No flower buds

Skunk's Cabbage. The spathes & spadix have long been out. The leaves are about 3 or 4 inches long & a few are; all rolled up in a small cone.

Jewel Weed at Fort Hill has the two first leaves, as large as a 3 cent piece; some as large as 5 cent piece

White Maples on Mill river are in blossom or some are. The light colored stamens & dark anthers are plenty. Some of the red pistils are out.

White Poplars have catkins about ½ inch long

Some Goat Willows have catkins ¾ inch long.

Button Wood Trees have white bodies & branches spotted with brown, & some are mostly brown. The white is as white as chalk.

Trees on the mountains are not much altered. They are grey. Yet spots are of a leaden hue, and some are a little purplish. Where the mountains are steep the whitish bodies & branches of chestnuts & other trees are very distinct.

Friday 2d.

The Phebe sang this morning; & the Lark has come

Siberian Spiraea in the Woods garden has very small leaves, yet distinct — about 3/8 of an inch long.

The season as to plants is very near as last year — does not differ a day as to leaves & flowers — but well this is more mild and pleasant than last year.

Travelling said to be bad in spots, though pretty good in this village. Some muddy spots here.

Singmaster's place (late Wests, formerly Whitmans) shows no signs of Spring, or very faint ones. Meadows seem entirely brown — grass, brown corn, &c. A little green grass near south Fort Hill — not much.

Alder Catkins, in Paradise are 1¼ to 2 inches long & dangling.

Hazel Catkins in do. are 1 to 1½ inches long & do.

Dug Parsnips on the 3d of April.

6 kinds of birds of Spring have come — Robin, bluebird, Song Sparrow, Blackbird, Phebe, Lark. Also other Sparrows.

April, 1858.

Saturday 3.

Warm day. Ther. 67°. Vegetation starts.
Summer like. No fire needed in day or evening.

Chickweed, smooth leaf, creeping, has flowers } may have been in flower a day or two.
Shepherds Purse, is in flower. in my garden }

Primulas, early, have blossoms in Miss Jewett's garden.
The Great Tooth Poplars on Mill lane; male trees have catkins from 1/2 to 3/4 of an inch long; female trees have catkins as long-slender.

Sunday 4.

Have a cold, which is not common. Staid at home

Monday 5.

Frogs peep this evening, in the river south of my house. I have heard none before.
Mezereon begins to blossom at Mr Stoddards — not much more on 6th.
Elms. Some may be considered in blossom, on this Street
Have just forth purple flower cups on green pedicils
No stamens proper yet — two white specks seen — may be styles.
Cups of elms have become dense — or some have.

Tuesday 6.

Brother Parsons and wife here.

Wednesday 7.

Crocus blossoms are very plenty at Brights
Siberian Spiraea has leaves an inch long on Round Hill
not so long elsewhere
yellow Currant } buds (of leaves) begin to open at the end,
Gooseberry } and show green — no leaves out yet.
Trumpet Honeysuckle has leaves an inch long or more
— has leaved in the winter, perhaps.

The eastern hills & all the river valley, as seen from Round Hill, show only light brown grass land — no green, except about the village

The season does not differ much from last year as to vegetation.
Crown Imperial at Brights is 6 inches high.

Thursday 8

Trailing Arbutus is found — blossoms not quite open
Liverleaf blossoms are found.
yellow winged Woodpecker has come.

Friday 9.

Rain in the morning refreshes the earth. It has long been dry. Grass in the village looks greener.

Saturday 10.

They printed to day, the History of Hadley 193d to 200th page.

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Sunday 11.
Was at meeting Aft & Pm. Mr Hall preached.
The pew I sat in has been rented — I have no seat.

Monday 12
Small leaves are on the yellow weeping Willows.
Lilac leaves are opening, on some bushes
Elms are reddish brown.
Tree peonies at Shepherds, have grown 1½ & 1¾ inches.
Japan Lilies have shot out by the ground about 1 inch.
Periwinkle blossoms — a few open at Mrs Todds.
Rhubarb — mine shows the tops of red buds —
they have elongated some — not very much.
Red maple. A few trees begun to blossom & to be reddish.
In general not so far advanced — not reddish.

Tuesday 13. Rainy.

Wednesday 14
The rain makes the grass green, & starts other vegetation. Mr Jewett is making his garden, but not putting in seeds in general.

Thursday 15.
State Fast. In the forenoon there were prayer Meetings.
In the afternoon the two societies, & many from other denominations met in the old church, and Mr. Eddy preached. I had not heard him before.
He preached about the prayers of the Pharisee and publican, and the contrast in them. He was descriptive, and animated, & gave us an interesting sermon. Perhaps he was a little inclined to exhibit himself, but not very offensive in that respect.
There was a larger congregation than I have seen on a Fast day for many, very many years.
This was partly owing to the attention to religion here, and partly owing to a desire to hear Mr Eddy whom very many, like myself, had not heard.
Attended the funeral of the widow of Theodore Wright after the meeting was out.
Took a short walk in Paradise.
Venus's Pride or Innocence. many flowers found in three or four places by the road, and in the lot beyond Mrs Gardners. must have been out 2 or 3 days.
Liverleaf. Some flowers out. Very few even in the two red maples.
Mouse ear, dwarf, is in flower abundantly
Potentilla or Cinquefoil. Found one bright yellow flower.
Alder Catkins are withered & brown — a few are greenish.
Sweet fern catkins are from ½ to 1 inch long.
White poplar catkins are from 1½ to 2 inches long
River Poplar Catkins are only 1 to 1¼ inch long.
Elder leaf buds begin to open.
Red maples have some blossoms. Not much red yet, hardly reddish.

April 1858

Friday 16.

Irene left us for Springfield, having been here 4 weeks. The calm of March 19

Saturday 17

Flowers & Leaves.

Crocus Flowers are abundant at Brights.
Low Daffodils show some blossoms at do.
Snowdrops have been out some time at Mr Silsbee's, but they were not the first flowers out.
Low Primulas continue to blosso——
Hyacinths are not yet in blossom at Bright
Grape Hyacinths are nearly in blossom in Miss Jewetts bed.
Bloodroot has been in blossom once or two days in Mr Jewetts garden.
Violets are plenty. Some of them are white, & some blue and sweet scented.
Elms are brown, reddish brown, & some are greenish.
Siberian Spiraea is as usual the most forward shrub. Some leaves from 1/2 to 2 inches long; & some on Round Hill 3 inches.
Yellow Currant has open leaves & is greenish.
Gooseberry is considerably green with leaves
Common Currant. Very few buds have begun to open at the end.
Weeping Willows are a little greenish. Have small catkins
Yellow Willows are yellowish green. show more than the weeping willows, partly on account of the yellow bark.
Red tulips increase in flowers & redness. Not much ready yet.
Lilac leaf buds are opening and some show the purple of the flower buds.
Rhubarb. mine, the upper plants, have leaves 3 inches by 2; others have small leaves: some only red ends.
Trumpet Honeysuckle has leaves 1/4 inch long.
Peach flower buds are swelled & whitish at the end.
Thimbleberries have had open leaves one or two days
Poa annua has some panicles

The season is 6 or 7 days in advance of last year

The hills east & west, are all brown in grass land; & the meadows show very little green. There is green about buildings & roadsides.

The trees on Holyoke, with the sun risen, April 19, are of a leaden hue, and some approach a dark purple. The Deciduous forest have nearly the same hue on the mountain.

They are burning broom-corn in the meadows, April 17.
Manure is going into the meadows daily.

Shad have been selling here some days. The price now is 50 cents. They begin to catch them as high as Springfield

April 1838

Sunday 18.

I remained at home to day. Only Penumah attended meeting. Wife had a bad turn with her head in the morning.

Monday 19.

I went over to Hadley in the afternoon — called at Chester Gaylords & Major Sylvester Smiths on historical matters.

Ploughing was got on in Hadley meadow and on some uplands. Not much ploughed yet.

Cutting up & burning broomcorn has been going on two or three days in our meadows and in those of Hadley. Fires are seen by day and night.

Manure is carted out & put in piles

Leaves & buds & flowers are in Hadley about as here.

Homelots are greenish, & clover & other grass, sowed within a year or two, are green. Old grass fields in the meadow are mostly brown

Red maples are more ruddy in blossom but not very red yet.

Elms are reddish brown & greenish brown — as in Nott.

Tuesday 20.

Wednesday 21.

Thursday 22.

p. 14. p. 163. 235 242 Gardening. I began to day; had an Irishman digging, spreading manure, helping pin about flower beds & [illegible] Weeds & plants in the garden, that came up in the fall are just the same as last year — see Vol III. page 576

Friday 23.

Gardening continued with Timothy the Irishman. It rained some & he worked but little more than half a day. Nearly finished for the present. Sowed peas, parsnips, beets & lettuce.

I cleaned the [illegible] yesterday.
Sowed more beets & some tomatoes the 24th

Lettuce came up in 10 days & 11 days. Peas in 11 & 12 days. Beets in 12 days. Tomatoes in 14 days. Parsnips in 18 days. Tomatoes came up all about the garden May 7 & 8th

Through the mercy of God I have reached the age of 69. Am 69 to day, and in pretty good health. Have been as well the winter past as usual — am better winters than summers. Have not had much uneasy feeling about the kidneys, or seldom. A little dizziness now & then, but less than in some times past. Appetite & digestion good. Have been busy this season on the Hadley History; Wife has been more troubled with her head than usual for 3 months past. and some with heart

April 1858.

Saturday 24.

Mountains & hills around are white this morning, and the ground is partly white here. The snow soon melted away.

About 2½ P.M. granddaughter Fanny Hall Guild, Sylvester's daughter, came from Augusta to remain with us some months. She came to Springfield yesterday with Alletha E. Matthews who has lived with son J.H. Williams and Aphia some months past. Alletha had other business here & came up with her, and returned to Springfield.

Sunday 25.

I attended meeting A.M. Sat with Mr Wilcutt I suppose I have hired a third of his pew for the rest of the year.

Monday 26.

Leaves and Flowers

Crocuses continue & a few snowdrops – both mostly gone.
Daffodils – common yellow, are plenty.
Primulas – the early ones are abundant.
Violets of various sorts are plenty – some sweet scented.
Hyacinths are in blossom – not very plenty yet.
Grape Hyacinths are more forward than the others.
Crown Imperial, at Bright's, 20 inches high & buds hang down
Dandelion. I have seen 2 or 3 blossoms in early places
Venus's Pride has abundance of blossoms.
River Poplar, males, have catkins 2 & 2½ inches long – red. They begin to dangle, or hang loose.
Silver Poplar at Miss Black's has catkins an inch long.
Elms are greenish brown, but more brown than green They are full of small green seeds on green pedicels, yet the other colors preponderate.
Weeping Willows } These are the greenest deciduous trees
Yellow Willows } in the village, as usual at this season.
The yellow willows show considerable yellow.
Siberian Spiraea. This is the greenest shrub, or has the largest leaves of any shrub in the village. Some 3.4, & even 5 inches long
Gooseberry is very green – or greenest of all perhaps
Missouri Currant or Yellow Cur. is quite green
Trumpet Honeysuckle has many leaves, of some lengths
Lilacs have open leaves & some are quite green, and show the whole cluster of flower buds.
Thimbleberries are full of leaves, & others of rubus genus are in leaf or some are.
Barberries. Some have open leaves, some not.
Horse chestnut. One tree by Talbot gate has open buds, and leaves are visible & a few are open. In general only buds a little swelled are seen.
Twin flower has open leaves.
Syringa has opening leaves
Viburnum lentago has shown its reddish brown leaves some days
Eng. Cherry has buds with leaves & flower buds within opening
Common Currants. Mine have opening leaves & some open

Monday 26 — continued.

Birds. There are many sorts here. The brown thrasher began his "plant corn, plant corn" notes yesterday. The whistling bird is here. Yellow birds are here, and others.

Butterflies. I have seen very few.

Frogs are musical every night.

Earthworms in plenty, even when I first struck a spade into the ground, or near that time.

Toads. Have not seen one.

Flies — none seen.

Red maples are becoming red at some distance. Some pedicels are 3/4 of an inch long.

Rose bushes — some have open leaves.

Rhubarb. — Mine has some leaves 6 by 5 inches.

Lettuce. Some scattered in the fall has come up.

Plowing & sowing oats have been going on some days. Some Spring wheat sown

Dandelions were gathered for greens (a little past of last week)

Crab apple — has open leaves & is a little greenish.

Flowering Apple — at Talbots, has open leaves.

Scotch Larch — has leaves 1/2 inch long, & they begin to spread —

Hackmatack — leaves are about 1/8 inch long, and 1/4 inch.

Apple Trees. Some trees have opening buds of leaves with flower buds within. The latter just begin to be visible.

Mezereon & Periwinkle continue in blossom

Sugar Maples have only swelled buds, and on most trees the buds are not much swelled

Dutchman's Breeches are in blossom at Fort-Hill

Not much progress in vegetation for three days. Leaves & flowers are about 6 or 7 days in advance of last year. — about as May 2d or 3d 1857

The Mountains, from Holyoke, show much grey and lead color, and a little purplish, faint.

Pastures on Eastern Hills are becoming greenish; green in very little; still more brown than green.

Meadows have increased in green.

Wild blue violets are out by Paradise road. Seem to be of the hooded species.

Aboritbe Crowfoot is in flower in Jewett's lot, just below my garden.

Japan Quince has large, red buds

Japan Lily. Peninnah's has pointed shoots 3 inches high.

Peonies. Some have grown 5 or 6 inches, or more.

Wild Cherry at Mansion House is full of leaves and shows flower buds.

Mountain Ash have open & opening leaves or some have — and others have only buds. As also the Horse Chestnut.

April 1858

Tuesday 27. Coolest day in April, as yet, except one

Wednesday 28. unpleasant

Thursday 29.

Friday 30. Warm, wet, growing day.

The Season. April 30 & May 1.

April 30 and May 1. were warm, growing days, and the rain of the 30th with the warmth, started vegetation considerably.

Grass in the streets and about houses affords a good bite for cows, in some places, especially in front of my house.

Elms grow more green, chiefly from seeds, but leaf buds are green & help the greenness.

Red Maples. The male flowers are fast falling and reddden the ground under sometimes. The female flowers have turned into seeds with wide peduncles, and they are elongating and sometimes are quite red.

Sugar Maples show not much change. The buds are some swelled. There are a few green flowers on one tree.

Swallows. I saw 2 or 3 on April 30th, and they seemed to be chimney swallows. Have seen no others. The barns about here exclude swallows, & I have seen no barn swallows — have heard no martins.

Toads. I saw one May 1st, the first I have seen. Have not seen one in my garden when the earth worms are so plenty.

Flies — are rare. A very few in the house. Musketoes have troubled Jemimah in her chamber.

Black Ants are not yet in the house.

The trilling frogs, I first heard May 1. Know not what they are. The peeping frogs have been noisy sometime.

The Thrush sings merrily — more than any other bird.

Venus Pride is very plenty — most of it on poor, worn out land.

Low mouse ear is very plenty on still poorer land.

Potentilla (five finger) is in blossom — generally on poor land.

Spiraea salicifolia. Some bushes are green with leaves

May 1858.

Thermometer

	Sunrise.	10 P.M.	9 P.M.		
Saturday 1	50.	69.	57.	Fine day, mostly fair.	S: N.W. &c
Sund. 2.	46.	66.	46.	Fair & pleasant.	N.E. & N.
3.	31.	58.	46.	Fair & pleasant	N.E. &c
4	31.	65.	52.	Fair & pleasant	S. —
5	46.	63	56	Cloudy. Rain in night	S.E. &c
6	54	61.	57	Rainy by turns	S.E. &c
7	54.	67.	58	Cloudy	N.E.
8.	51.	67.	52	Fair & pleasant	
Sund 9.	50.	66.	53.	Cloudy mostly	S.E: S.
10.	47.	67.	54	Cloudy mostly	N.E. &c
11.	48.	53.	44.	Cloudy. Some sprinkling. Rain in evening & night	N.E.
12.	44.	66.	49	mostly Cloudy. Some sunshine	N.E: N.W.
13.	46.	63.	53.	Fair. windy	N.W.
14	37.	67.	54.	Fair mostly	S.E.
15	45.	71.	58	Sunshine with haze. Shower at 6 P.M.	S.E.
Sund 16	47.	60.	47	Sunshine with haze.	N: & NW.
17	37.	48.	43.	Cloudy cool. Rain in the night	N.E.
18.	40.	49.	46	Cloudy. little rain	N.E
19	44.	59.	50	Cloudy.	N.E: S.E. &c
20	44.	55.	51.	Cloudy Little rain Rain in Evening.	various
21.	45.	61	48	mostly Fair with white clouds	N.W.
22	44	60.	47	mostly Fair with White clouds	N.E: N.
Sund. 23.	37.	71.	54	Fair & haze. Cloudy after 5 P.M. S.E: S.W: S. Rain in the night.	
24.	51.	72	55	Partly fair. Windy.	N.W.
25.	51.	72.	52	Sunshine & Haze A.M. Hazy P.M.	S.E. &c
26.	47.	58	49	Cloudy. Rain in night.	S.E.
27.	45	61.	48	cloudy & some rain.	N.E.
28	40.	68.	50	Fair.	N.E. &c
29	37.	66.	51.	Fair. Frost in two places.	N.E. &
Sund 30.	40.	70.	55.	Fair	NW. & Southerly, &c
31.	42.	72	59	Foggy morn. Day fair.	
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Temperature

At sunrise	$44.\frac{7}{31}$	Average $53^{0}\frac{7}{93}$.
At 1 P.M.	$63\frac{18}{31}$	
At 9 P.M.	$51.\frac{13}{31}$	

May has been considered a cold month for May. as for two years past. Differs but little from May 1856 & 1857. About 1/3 of a degree warmer than 1857.

May 1858.

Saturday 1st.

A fine, warm, pleasant day. I have seldom known so pleasant a May day. The children were out abundantly especially girls, but more for the frolic than the flowers. Not many wild flowers except that called May flower. Some liverleafs.

Flowers. (See april 30

Apricots. Mr Silsbee's began to blossom April 28, and Dr Hopkins's April 30. many flowers are out to day — some trees in the village are white.

Peach buds are red at the ends — will soon be open. [A tree close to Justin Smith's house has many blossoms May 2.

Cherry Trees have flower buds with white ends — unusual not so forward. — [Samuel Wells's tree began to blossom May 1, he says.

Appletrees. The leaves enclosing the buds are open on most trees, & show the buds, still small.

Currants exhibit clusters abundantly of flower buds; will soon be in flower. [Some flowers May 2. Many flower may 3 & 4.

Wild Strawberries are in blossom in Mr Jewetts lot, south of my garden.

Wood Anemone with one flower, is in blossom in Paradise — blossoms have been out a day or two.

Shadbush at the Mansion House began to blossom yesterday and is white to day. The shadbushes in Paradise are white with blossoms, to day.

Tulip Trees. Mr. Jewetts have shot forth one leaf from the buds. His are later than some others.

Willows continue to be the greenest trees in the village — There are shrubs quite green, as lilacs, gooseberries, Siberian spiraea, yellow currant and others. Scotch larch is quite green.

Prospect from Round Hill.

Grass in Northampton and Hadley meadows is quite green now.

Elms in the meadows & in Hadley Street are all more or less green from seeds, as in this village; there is much brownish green, & some reddish brown. — no bright green.

Apple Trees in the meadows and in Hadley are faintly green, or some are, as in this village. The color is changed, but on many trees the greenish hue is nearly obscured by the brown, or quite.

Trees on Holyoke and Tom show less grey, and more of the leaden and purplish hues.

Cowslips are in blossom.

Coltsfoot is in blossom There been some days — in front of A. Brecks

Leaves and flowers are 6 days earlier than last year, and corresponding nearly with 1856.

May 1858

Sunday 2.

I attended meeting A.M. and P.M. Mr Hall preached. About 9 taken into the church on profession, & some by letters from other churches. Sacrament adm. P.M. Their creed is quite too long.

Monday 3d.

A pleasant day — but cooler. Dr Fiske here to visit wife. She quite poorly with head & heart

Tuesday 4.

I went to Hadley P.M. to Mr Gaylord's. called at no other house; went through the street, and to the burying ground.

The Season & Vegetation, Hadley and Northampton.

In Hadley Meadow, some were ploughing, but more were getting out manure. Piles of manure are plenty in many places. Ploughing for corn and broomcorn seems to have but just begun. Many fields not yet cleared of broomcorn stalks — our own meadow seems about the same as Hadley.

Trees & Shrubs are much alike as to forwardness in both towns.

English Cherries — very many trees in both towns have blossoms and some are considerably white. Mr Wells's tree may be a little forward of any other. A few trees, I think, began to blossom on Sunday, May 2d; more began yesterday & still more to day. I do not put down the beginning till May 2.

Peaches. Many in both towns have a few blossoms. A very few have more blossoms — most have not begun to blossom, but are near it. The tree at Justin Smith's is in advance of all others. Except that tree, they began yesterday & to day — are very near Cherry, but a very little behind.

Plum Blossoms, I saw in Hadley. Have seen none here

Yellow Currant is in blossom in both towns. Began yesterday, or perhaps Sunday May 2.

Crown Imperial is in blossom in Hadley, and here also.

Sugar Maples in both places show a very few flowers. It is not a flowering year, I think. A few trees have leaves, but most have only swelled buds. Leaves quite as plenty in H. as here

Red maples are quite red from the seeds & pedicels

Elms & are alike in both towns. The elms are
Apple trees as heretofore, a little greener than the apple trees — not so much brownish green. Seeds make the elms green, aided by long leaf buds.

Apricots continue in blossom. Saw none in Hadley.

Gardening is going on, but not much done in either town. more in N.H. than in H. Hadley gardens lie in heavier soil than those of N.H.

Moss Rink begins to blossom in Jewett's garden, and in Hopkins's garden.

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Wednesday 5. Flowers

Tulips, early, and some larger ones, are in blossom at Brights, and have been a day or two.
Hyacinths are plenty in same garden – Have long been out
Crown Imperial " " " " Have been open 2 days or so.
Magnolia – a shrub so called, but not of the common species, has large white blossoms at Brights. & not a leaf out.
– out a day & two.
Cielytra, a foreign species, is in blossom at Brights.
Spicebush is full of yellow flowers, west of Round Hill House
Shadbushes are in full blossom – very white.
Dandelions are becoming plenty.
Gooseberries have been in blossom some days.

Fruit Trees. In looking about to day, I find many Cherry trees that have blossoms – perhaps most have. Wells's tree & another are quite white. Peachtrees – few are in blossom, or not one in 6 or 8, though a considerable number in all have a few blossoms. My trees did not begin to blossom till to day (or possibly yesterday) 15 or 20 blossoms on two trees, one each side of the gate.

Celandines begin to blossom by stone wall, N.E. of my house
Japan Quince has a few blossoms at Talbot's & on Round Hill
Yellow Daffodils are more plenty than any other flower in gardens.
Primulas are plenty.

Birds &c.
Brown Thrush sings merrily every day.
Wren. I did not hear till to day.
Chimney Swallows. I saw 2 or 3, April 30. and have seen 2 or 3, two or three times since. May began. They are rare as yet. [Came into my chimney May 6 or 7.
Barn swallows, I have not seen, but think I have heard them.
Black ants are in the Gallery.
Martins. I did not hear them till May 7. Were about Court House
Flies are very rare. Some Wasps.

Leaves &c

Hawthorn, Alternate dogwood, Buckthorn, Persian Lilac } have open leaves.
Quince Trees are opening leaf buds. Flower buds are not visible.
Ash Trees have an abundance of black buncles.
Butternut leafbuds are opening. Catkins 1 inch long.
Clematis on the house has open leaves.
Asparagus. Jewetts is 6 or 8 inches high.
Tulip tree buds at Talbots have shot forth two leaves.
Sugar maples N.W. & S.E. of my house except one or two, show neither leaves nor blossoms. I see no blossoms. Very different from last year.
Thornbush has leaves.
Rhubarb. Pin gathered some for sauce May 6.
The season continues 6 or 7 days in advance of last year.

Thursday 6.

Friday 7.

Pages 217 to 232 of Hadley History were printed to day.

Saturday 8 Hadley and Northampton.

Walked over to Hadley again P.M. & home

Hadley Meadows – people busy in carting & spreading manure, ploughing, &c.

Winter rye looks well – quite green.

Clover down last year is very green & rank.

All grain land appears well.

Oats is all up & much of it greenish.

Spring rye & wheat, very little sown. I saw none.

Corn & broomcorn. They are now manuring and ploughing for these. will plant corn next week. Some potatoes and a little corn have been planted. The meadow plain is not light land – is like the homelots

The Hills around are greenish, that is the pastures.

People began to drive cattle to the pastures on the hills west, as early as May 1.

Mountains Tom & Holy oke show no green, except the evergreens.

The spring hues remain – grey, leaden, purplish, &c. changing much in different positions of the sun; are not the same in cloudy as in fair days.

Elms are more green – mostly seeds but some leaves are seen, in N.H. & Hadley.

Apple Trees are nearly as green as elms, but the shade of green is not the same.

English cherries. Many are in full blossom and many not so far advanced, in N.H. & Had

Peaches. A few trees are in full blossom in general not. They are not so forward as cherries. My trees are not full.

Plum Trees. Mine began to blossom to day. Some are earlier, and some later than mine.

Apricot blossoms are mostly fallen.

Common Apple fruit buds are red at the end on some trees in N.H. and Had.

Currants have an abundance of blossoms – almost full. They begin to blossom at the base end of the racème, and continue towards the other end.

Smooth bark wild cherry at Mansion House began to blossom yesterday – is some white to day.

Red maples in general show no leaves yet.

Sugar Maples – some green with leaves, and some only swelled buds. Flowers not seen.

Horsechestnut. Some green with leaves, & some only opening buds. Some cones of flower buds 3 or 4 inches high.

Mountain Ash are nearly as Horse chestnut, as to leaves.

Moss Pink makes a fine show in gardens. I saw some on the graves in Hadley.

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Saturday 8.—continued. The Season, &c

Catkins.

Silver Poplar at Mrs. Clark's has shed its catkins and the ground is covered.

Sweet Fern catkins are 1 to 1½ inch long, dangling, and turning brown

Horn beam catkins are an inch long, & turning brown, and the leaves are out.

Lombardy poplars, has open leaves.

Vernal grass has shown its spikes or heads some days, and is in blossom.

Poa Pratensis begins to show panicles by the wall, N.E. of my house.

Luzula has been out some time.

Variegated leaves are seen in some mowings. In the woods, where land is rather exhausted, are a great abundance of Venus's pride, White, yellow Dandelions, and blue violets, with green grass—some white moss ear and yellow five finger in more barren spots.

Barn swallows, I heard in Hadley, did not see one. They have been seen in Northampton.

Chimney Swallows are not plenty, but are seen daily.

Striped Snake, I saw in Hadley. First I have seen.

Toads. Not one in my garden this spring. I have seen one or two elsewhere.

Worms' nests, I have not seen. [Saw one May 12.

Butterflies. The large dark colored, are about my premises.

Nighthawks make their peik, peik, sound

Pear Trees began to blossom to day—viz the great pear tree in front of window (Frederic) Clark's; and one a few rods easterly on Mr Silsbee's lot. Countless others.

Plum Trees. Some begin to blossom. [Dear Enos Clark began May 9. Bonie others began to blossom May 10.

Our sour cherry—mine Bonie others began to blossom May 10.

Leucojum Vernum, (Snow flake), is in blossom at Bright's—may have been so a day or 2 or 3.

Sassafras on Round Hill seems to be in blossom. [or near it

Magnolia gr. folia, on R. Hill, has buds 2 or 3 inches long.

Alders are in leaf.

Sugar Maples in the row N.W. of my house. The first tree is green with leaves. The rest have only swelled buds and not much swelled, but the second tree begans to put forth flowers. [May 9 & 10. this tree has many flowers, more than I have seen on any other tree!

Sunday 9.

I attended meeting A.M. & P.M. Mr Hall preached

May 1858.

Monday. 10.

Oriole has come – was here yesterday, Pin thinks.
Catbird has come – not seen till now – musical.
Chipping bird " " " " "
Reho-reho bird " " heard " "
Bobolinks – I have not seen nor heard, but they are here I presume.
Yellow birds with black wings are here – I have seen sometime.
Bees are plenty on peach blossoms.
Bumblebees are here.
Shad are sold from 30 to 33 cents & some 37½, and some small at 25 cents. They are caught at South Hadley Falls.
Yellow Buttinflies. I have seen one or two – (more in a few days
Musketoes – Pin & wife say a few have appeared.
I have not seen any, (down to 15th.

Gardening.

[Planted over pole beans May 27. [Coming up in 10 days.
Planted 19 hills corn May 31. [Came up in 9 days. [Many bush beans [Came up in 9+10 days

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I planted to day as follows, in my garden

Sweet Corn 37 hills [Came up in 13 & 14 days.
[Planted some May 31, some 14.
Lima Beans, my seed, 9 hills [Came up in 17 days to 20. Very few came up
[Planted over & up in 10 days Early Lima
do — do bought seed 10 " [Came up in 15 days
Frost do — any " 10 [Came up in 17 to 20 days
Large White do — " " 4 [Came up in 17 to 20 days.
Bush beans, Cadeye — [Came up in 15 days
do — do. red eye larger [Came up in 16 days
do — do. white. [Came up in 17 days (many did not come,
Winter Squash, 3 hills [Came up in 14 days
Summer Squash 4 hills [Came up in 15 days
Cucumber. 3 " [Came up in 13 days.
Melons Cantelope 3 " [Came up in 15 days (but few.

Pin. set out Tomatoes raised in pots, 8 to 10 inches high
The garden is full of little tomatoes.

Elms. Seeds have been falling 2 or 3 days – pericarps only. Defective ones. Some of the trees are less green than they were – hardly more green than the apple trees.
Ampelopsis. This climber has open leaves on my back house.
Veronica serpyllifolia is in flower, near the wall.
Evergreen, No 1. shows the disk, but the rays are not complete – in Jewitt's lot, S. of my garden
Asparagus raised in Hadley is sold at 6 cents a bunch
about 8 Geranium in blossom on Round Hill.
Garden Plants that I planted April 23.
Peas are two inches high. I gave them brush to day.
Beets are an inch high – only one pair of leaves
Tomatoes are inch high – only one pair of leaves.
Lettuce shows the 3d leaf. Parsnips are coming up.

May 1858.

Tuesday 11. Vegetation.

Eng. Cherries are in full blossom & petals beg in to fall. are 11 or 12 days forward of last year.

Peach Trees may be considered in full blossom and petals begin to fall. as a whole, and not quite as forward as Cherry — not above one day later.

These White, and Pink, and pink & white blossoms make a fine show in the village — make it look gay.

Some Pears & Plums are in full blossom, but in general, are not so.

Wednesday 12.

p. 19. Apple Trees. I noticed blossoms on 3 or 4 trees in the upper part of the Paradise lot. The most forward tree is the one in the valley below my house & I judge that it had a few blossoms yesterday. I recon that Apple Trees began to blossom May 12, not knowing certain that any were out yesterday. — This is Eleven days earlier than last year. I notice a very few blossoms east side of Round Hill at Bright's &c. & more on several trees beyond South Sheat bridge, probably some were out yesterday

Round Hill. &c.

White Oaks have no leaves; a few have swelled buds, and many have buds but little changed.

English Oaks at Bright's have no leaves — same as White oaks.

English Oak on Peck's lot is full of small leaves.

Red Oak, east side of Round Hill, is full of leaves; some are 1/4 inch long

Scarlet and Black oaks } on the hill, many have swelled buds, many have some small leaves, and some have larger leaves — 1 to 1/4 inch long. Some make a show

Chestnut. Small trees have leaves all the way — some are 1 inch long & perhaps 1/4 inch.
Larger trees — may have leaves on the lower limbs and not on the upper ones; a few have leaves on both, and many have yet no leaves.

English Linden at Baights have small leaves.

American Bass at Talbot's have only swelled buds & a few or two of leaves.

Tulip tree at Talbot's has three leaves from a bud (perhaps some have 4) and is considerably green. 1st May 15. has 4 leaves.

Common Locusts. Some have small leaves.

Japan Quince at Talbot's is near full blossom — very red.

Common Quince shows small flower buds.

Butternut Trees have open leaves —

Sumacs have opening leaves, or some have

Red maples, that have not many seeds, have small leaves -reddish brown. many trees have not leaves yet.

Narcissus or daffodil. The kind having 6 white petals & a very shallow cup is in blossom. Also, the species having many white petals.

Low Horties on Round Hill have been in blossom some days.

The season is 10. 11. and in some plants 12 days more forward than last year; and about as many days later than 1846.

May 1858.

Thursday 13. Vegetation.

Walked into South meadow in the morning, as far as the lower end of the dike.

Birches on Holyoke & Tom, in the upper parts, are greenish & have been a day or two. Some are quite green.

Oak region on Holyoke has a dirty-green appearance — some tops light colored, but a dirty light color.

Meadow was very musical with birds this morning, but I heard no bobolink.

Grass land in the meadow is very green.

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Saturday 15.

Warmest day we have had. Vegetation advances fast.

Cherry Blossoms are falling & many fallen & many on trees.

Sour Cherry is near full blossom.

Peach Trees still look gay, though flowers are falling. Is at least a day later than cherry (English).

Pear } Some are in full blossom — some more than that,
Plum } and some not yet full.

Apple blossoms appear on very many trees — on most I think, but no trees are white with blossoms yet. Many are variegated with green, white and some red; and many have only a few blossoms, and some not any.

Crab-Apple at Williston's — more than half the buds are open, and tree whitish.

Flowering Apple at Talbot's just begins to blossom.

Lilacs, in some yards, began to blossom yesterday.

Flowering Almond. Miss Jewett's very near blossoming.

Salix Pod. Miss Jewett's has been in blossom 2 or 3 days.

Bulbous Crowfoot shows a few blossoms in Talbot's lot, north side, opposite H. K. Wright's.

White Oaks on Round Hill. A few trees have small leaves. The leaves are two days behind Apple blossoms.

Button Balls on Prospect Street have open leaves.

Trees which have no leaves.
Syrian Hibiscus, Catalpa, magnolias, Mulberry, Ailanthus, Gleditschia Locust. Some Ash & buttonballs, and sometimes of other species.

Pignuts on Round Hill have open & opening leaves.

Common Currants are a little past full blossom.

Flowering Dogwood. Involucre is some ooze — perhaps half grown or more, but is not white yet.

The season continues about 10 days in advance of last year — only 9 days as to some things.

May 1858

Sunday 16.
Went to meeting AM. and PM.

Monday 17.

Tuesday 18.
Weather cloudy and cool, yesterday and to day.
Fires necessary to keep warm.

Apple blossoms do not open very fast. Orchards are not white, and no tree is very white. They will not be a full blowth, but blossoms enough.
English Cherry blossoms have mostly fallen, and Peach blossoms are fallen from many trees, but some continue on many trees, and are seen in various places. They are falling.
Pear, Plum and Sour Cherry blossoms are quite plenty on many trees, many trees seem in full blossom.
Crab Apple tree at Williston's is not far from full "
Horse Chestnut began to blossom yesterday, by Miss Talbot's gate — and one tree at Bright's began to-day.
Tall Tulips about opening, but not open at Bright's and Miss Jewett's. I have seen 2 or 3 open flowers, gathered.
Flowering Almond is in blossom in most places.
Candelions make large places yellowish.
Dames Pride makes large places in moist land whitish.
Blue violets are very plenty — often with the others.
Vernal Grass is plenty & makes brownish spots in the meadows, by its spikes.
Poa Pratensis seldom shows panicles — a few by roads and fences — very few.

Snow flakes are in their glory at Bright's.
English Oaks at Bright's — some have small leaves, some not.
Barbarea (winter cress) is in blossom in several places.

Grapes. My native & Isabella have opening leaf buds and some open enough to show small leaves.
Perennial Verbena (Miss Jewett's) began to blossom yesterday
Lily of the Valley begins to blossom at Miss Jewett's. Some elsewhere in blossom before.
Bladder nut at Mansion House begins to blossom
Smoke Tree has opening leaves

Wednesday 19. Used Rhubarb pies, & gave away much Rhubarb.

Thursday 20
Walked over to Hadley AM. visited widow of John Cook, old Miss Newton at Mr Hooker's, and Town Clerk's office.
In the meadow, many were planting potatoes, corn, and broom corn, and some were ploughing, though most of the land is ploughed. Some have about finished planting.
Fruit tree blossoms, and leaves of trees are about as in Northampton.
A species of Solomon's Seal was very plenty in the meadow beyond the bridge. Seems to be Convallaria Stellata, but is not in all respects as described by Wood.

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Friday 21.

Weather has been rather cool several days, and mostly cloudy. The world of vegetation advances slowly

The pale, bright green of the birches on Mt Toms and Holyoke, with some maples, poplars, &c, is very distinct, & very different in hue from the dark evergreens. The oaks are all some shade of green or greenish — as reddish, yellowish, & whitish green. Chestnuts have leaves or most have, but they are not green so far off, in general. Some are greenish.

Bobolinks, I heard yesterday in Hadley meadows, and they have been in Dr. Hopkins lot 2 or 3 days. They been probably here before the 15th of May.

Small Chestnuts are greenish on Round Hill & some large ones, but the tops of many large ones are not yet greenish at a distance, nor near by.

Cut worms are in my garden. Have cut off some beets. No beans up for them to cut off. They have but just begun to do damage, but are of good size

Oaks on Round Hill
Scarlet & others not white } are green or greenish — have an abundance of leaves and catkins

White Oaks; many have small leaves or opening buds; and many have only swelled buds. They as a whole are not so forward as chestnuts, especially on the lower branches

Flowering dogwood on Round Hill has pretty large whitish involucres — not yet fully grown.

Downy Lais has been in blossom some days on Round Hill

Meadows as seen from Round Hill — grain lands & winter grain are very green and spring grain is quite green.

Ploughed lands are very dark colored, having been recently ploughed, & are wet with rain, & no green thing. Hadley meadows have a similar appearance.

Saturday 22.

Apple Blossoms. Some trees, or many are in full blossom, and blossoms are falling; but in general not full. But few trees are white; most have more or less pink, and some are quite pinkish. Buds are generally pink, and some open flowers are pinkish inside.

Twin flower begins to blossom at Brights.
Helonia at Talbots begins to blossom.
Quince Buds are prominent & reddish.
Pears, Plums & Sour Cherry still have many blossoms, though waning, & peach blossoms still continue.
Lilac blossoms are but partially out — only a small part of buds are open, of both sorts, purple & white.
Tulips — only few are open at Brights. May 21. Tall tulips.
Miss Jewetts & Peninnahs ~~were~~ beginning to open yesterday
Many opened to-day
Bulbous Crowfoot blossoms are plenty in Talbots lot.
Tall Crowfoot (R. Acris) begins to blossom in Talbots lot.
The season is now only 5 days in advance of last year.
or perhaps only 5 days. 6 days in advance of last year.

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Saturday 22. — continued.

Vernal Grass is very distinct in mowings and makes large, brown places, and reddish brown.

English Grass (Poa pratensis) shows panicles now in mowings, some. Not very prominent yet.

Grapes. My Isabella has leaves as large as a quarter dollar. — some. my native grape leaves are not quite as large.

The Catbird is very musical, and the Thrush has not ceased. The Oriole's notes are frequent, and those of many other birds.

Fringed Polygala is very abundant — nose gays the middle of it.

Erigeron No1. or Robin's Plantain has full blossoms, and has had some time, in Jewett's lot, South of my garden, and in the Paradise lot adjoining.

Crowfoot Geranium is in blossom in Paradise lot.

Wild Columbine is in blossom in Jewett's lot.

Barberry blossoms are opening — not open — in Paradise

Blue Violets of two sorts, are by Millions in Jewetts lot.

Some white Violets in same lot.

Venus Pride, one flowered Anemone, Cinquefoil, wild strawberry } flowers plenty in both lots. Have long been out.

Chokeberry (Pyrus arbutifolia) is in blossom in Paradise and has been a day or two

Wintergreen. The young, tender leaves are about large enough for eating — in paradise.

Sunday 23.

At meeting A.M. and P.M. Mr Stone of Easthampton preached

Monday 24 Went to Hadley P.M.

Apple Trees are in full blossom — and the wind blows off many flowers. Perhaps they were full yesterday in N.H. and Hadley. P.S. May 25. They still appear full — White[r] than before; many flowers have fallen.

Aqueavitae Meadow. I walked through 1/3 of this. all the upper part presents a bare appearance. Very little grass, and an abundance of horsetail and dandelions every where. Spruce, Venus's pride, Erigeron No1. The lower part of the lot has more grass & is more promising. The upper half does not appear as if would yield any thing but horsetail, dandelions, & other trash.

Bobolinks were plenty and noisy in this meadow. They sometimes let themselves down almost perpendicularly several feet.

Rye in the meadow shows the heads.

Planting corn & broomcorn seems mostly done. Not all.

Holyoke. The bright green of birches is chiefly on the high steep parts. Oaks are green or greenish but not bright; many shades. Small chestnuts are green and some large ones; many not green at a distance.

May 1848.

Tuesday 25.

The Cuckoo is heard this morning, the first time.
Tulips now make a fine appearance.
Ragged Robin (Miss Jewett's) has been in blossom a day or two.
Moss Pinks still make a fine show.

Quince Blossoms. A few on my trees to day — ten or a dozen or more. Some on Dr. Barrett's trees.
Gleditschia Locust has opening & open leaves.
Thorn Bushes are in blossom in Paradise — in part.
Barberry Bushes are in blossom in do —— in part.
Lonicera has been in blossom some days.
Alexanders are in blossom.
Bulbous Crowfoot makes yellowish places — some in woods lot, on side hill beyond his barn.
Tall Crowfoot blossoms are rare — very few out
Clover. I found 2 or 3 heads of red clover to day in Talbot's mowing.
Persian Lilac begins to blossom on Round Hill — only 6 or 8 blossoms as yet.
Judas Tree at Peck's, Round Hill, begins to blossom.
Orchard Grass on Round Hill shows the upper part of panicles.
Rockets begin to blossom at Brights.
Tulips, Dielytra spec., Snowflakes } make a fine show at Brights, especially Tulips.
Iris. One blue blossom at Bright's — perhaps premature. White ones at Barrett's do not open.
Butternut Catkins are 3 to 5 inches long, and a few have fallen.
Chestnut Catkins on Round Hill — 1/2 to 3/4 inch long.
Chestnut Trees generally greenish on the hills, but some tops have not yet put forth leaves.
English Oak. Bright's S.W. tree has no leaves yet.
Thorn Flowers — Some buds are open on many bushes, but very few on any bush.
Vernal Grass becomy more distinctly reddish brown, from the filaments & the spike itself.
Dandelions show white globular heads — began to show them about 2 days since. Not many have gone to seed.

Money Paid. Samuel Edwards sent 100 dollars to pay his note to aunt Irene, & the rest for me. I deposited it in the bank for a few days.
June 4. Took it out. Paid Sam's note to Henry Parsons $43.43.
June 8 paid to T. Bridgman for her 24.00
67.43.
Remains for me $32.57 of S. Edwards
Have no note in favor of Irene in my hands. Have a receipt in full. June 16. 1853.
Due on his note only 67.23. So here owes me 20 cents. (14+6)

May 1858.

Wednesday 26.

Bird music. The birds began this morning as early as 15 a 20 minutes before 4 after day break. I could only hear the robin in bed. I got up about 5 minutes before 4 and went to the door, and found an abundance of music all around. The notes of the robin and catbird were the most loud & distinct, but many other birds were wide awake, and all together filled the air with music.

Men at work finishing my two unfinished chambers to day. John J. W. offered to pay for doing this, and so it will be done. The two west or northwest chambers.

Whitmarsh has been sometime making a road from the stone arch, below the mansion house, to his factory building, near Mill river. The road runs along in the excavation made for the old canal, but east of the lowest part. The canal, he fills up in part. P.S. In a few days, road was graded up the hill to Justin Smiths, &c. in June.

Thursday 27.

Friday 28.

Saturday 29.

Sunday 30

I attended meeting A.M. and staid with wife P.M. Mr. Bingham here in evening.

Monday 31.

Birds began to sing before four, perhaps by half past three — many species, as Catbirds, robins, orioles, wrens, indigo bird, reho-reho, blue birds, phebes, and others — Chipping birds are here, and king birds, and yellow birds with black wings; and larks & bobolinks are heard. Chimney swallows are plenty, but I have not seen a barn swallow. — Thrushes & Cuckoos unheard. Crows, Jays & Chickadees, winter birds, are seen and heard.

I have heard no whippoorwill.

Young robins have left their nest, & my cat has caught some, for which I am sorry.

Flies, musketoes, toads and horned bugs are very rare — scarcely seen at all.

June 1858

Thermometer

	Sunrise.	1 P.M.	9 P.M.		
Tuesday 1	54.	62.	54	Cloudy.	Southerly.
2.	46.	77.	60.	Foggy morn. Day fair & warm	N.E.
3.	47.	82.	62	Mostly Fair.	Wind Various. N.E. &c
4	51.	66.	62.	Cloudy	S.E. & S.
5.	59.	80.	65	pt Fair. pt Cloudy.	N.W. & W.
Sund. 6.	59.	81.	65	Th. Shower at 7. Cloudy day. Rain in Evening	S.
7	57.	83.	70.	Fair & pleasant & warm.	S.
8.	59.	82.	62	Fair & pleasant. warm	N.W.
9.	52.	74.	62	pt fair. more cloudy.	— —
10	58.	83	72.	Fair mostly. windy.	S.
11.	67	80.	60.	Fair mostly Am. cloudy P.M. Rain in evening and after.	N.W. N.E.
12	56.	52.	47	Rainy all day. Cool. Rain in Evening	N.E.
Sund 13.	47.	62.	55.	Cloudy	N. & N.E.
14.	53.	63.	57.	cloudy	S.E. &c.
15.	51.	62.	54.	cloudy	
16.	51.	72.	60.	Cloudy till 11. Rest of day Fair.	S.E. &c
17	56.	80	64.	Foggy morn. Fair day.	S.E. & S.
18.	55.	87.	72.	Fair & pleasant	S.E. N.W.
19.	63.	86.	70.	Mostly Fair. Some Cloudy.	Various
Sund 20.	62.	87.	70.	mostly Fair. Some clouds & Thunder	S.E. &c
21.	63.	82.	70.	many clouds. Some fair.	N.E. &c.
22.	59.	84.	64.	mostly fair. Pleasant.	S. &c.
23.	53.	82	65	mostly fair. Pleasant.	Southerly.
24	60.	89.	76.	mostly fair. 90° at 2 P.M. very warm	S. and S.W.
25	65.	93.	76	Fair & Am. Heavy shower at 2½ P.M.	Various.
26	70.	92	73.	mostly fair. Hot. Some Cloudy.	Various
Sund 27.	67.	91.	75	mostly fair. Hot	N.E. N. &c
28.	70.	91.	78	Fair & pleasant & hot.	N.W.
29.	62.	86	73.	Fair & pleasant. very warm	N.E. S.E. S.W.
30.	66.	82.	65.	A bright, pleasant day.	N.W.
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Thermometer

At sunrise $57\frac{28}{30}$
At 1 P.m $79\frac{3}{30}$
At 9 P.m. $65\frac{8}{30}$

average $67^{\circ}\frac{39}{90}$

June was considered a very warm month and it was almost 6 degrees warmer than the cold June of last year. Fine growing month.

June 1858.

Tuesday 1st. Leaves of flowers.

Apple blossoms have mostly fallen. Perhaps one fourth remain on some trees; one in twenty on others, and not above one in fifty on others.

Quince blossoms are about full on many trees, and about the same on Dr. Barrett's. Some not quite so forward.

Other fruit-blossoms have nearly all fallen.

Common Lilac — Some bushes in full blossom and some not quite so far advanced.

Persian Lilac — but one third of buds open.

Horse Chestnut. many trees in full blossom and make a fine display with their cones of flowers. Others not so forward.

Hawthorn at Brights began to blossom yesterday.

Flowering Dogwood, makes a full show, on Round Hill. Involucres 4 inches across.

Judas Tree. Flowers seem generally open.

Twin flowers — about 1/4 of flower buds are open.

Magnolia grandiflora, on Round Hill, has several large white blossoms, but most of buds are not open.

Magnolia glauca at Talbot's has just put forth leaves.

Tulips are in great glory — will look no better. A few petals drop, but a few

Iris or Flower de Luce. The white ones at Dr Barrett's are mostly in blossom; and a few blue ones, elsewhere are open. Most of blue ones not open.

Dielytra spectabilis remains in a fine state at Brights.

Rocket is abundant at Brights.

Snow flakes continue in blossom at Brights.

Azalea Honeysuckle was in blossom at Talbot's yesterday (Mrs Jewett's).

Spiked maple is in blossom at Round Hill.

Columbines in Gardens have a few blossoms.

Moss Pinks continues to make a fine display.

White Narcissus or daffodil with many white petals are plenty.

Violets are always abundant — some very rich ones.

Flowering Almonds are fading & falling.

Red Clover heads increase in Talbot's lot, but not plenty.

White clover is in blossom by the road, east of my house, — a few heads.

Bulbous Crowfoot is very plenty in mowings on South and east sides of Round Hill & elsewhere. seems to increase from year to year.

Tall Crowfoot (Racis) is not plenty — but few flowers seen. Will greatly increase. Both kinds early on the wall in front of my house.

Vegetation is about 3 days in advance of last year.

Tuesday 1st Flowers, &c.

Dandelions have nearly ceased to blossom, and the globular seed heads are mostly gone. The dandelion show is over.

English Poa shows panicles abundantly in mowings & by roadsides: they are not yet spread much & color is not changed.

Vernal Grass grows more dark colored and distinct — will soon be more or less hidden by poa & other grass.

Erigeron, Nat. Robert's Plantain, is in blossom in many places & has been some time

Erigeron No 2. is plenty in spots, but the heads are yet drooping, rays not formed. I have seen beautiful erect heads, with very short rays.

Ribwort Plantain, on east side of Round Hill, is in flower on lower part of spikes or heads.

Racemed, Roughbark, cherry, is full of flowers on Round Hill, and elsewhere.

Thimbleberries by the wall, N.E. of my house begin to blossom.

Celandine } have long been in flower, and long
Periwinkle } will be.

Gill-go-over the ground — is like the Celandine — long in blossom.

Rhubarb is in blossom, where left to itself.

Early mouse-ear, is shedding its downy heads.

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Kitty Garden.

Peas are 7 to 12 inches high — Corn 4 inches. Beets 3 in
Parsnips have 2d leaves of size of 5 and 10 cent pieces.
Lettuce that came up itself 2 to 4 inches high.
Tomatoes that " " " thinned, 2 to 3 inches high
Beans, bush & pole, have 1 pair leaves — no second leaves.
Squashes, cucumbers & melons have small second leaves.
Winter Squashes have second leaves of some size.
Rhubarb — some leaves are two feet or more each way.
My Currents are more than half grown.
My Native Grapes have shoots of this season 3 to 4 inches
My Isabella Grapes have new shoots from 3 to 6 inches long.
Both sorts show clusters of flower buds.

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Weeds in the garden are the same as last year.
Seepage Cl. Purslane just begins to show itself.
Purslane, Erigeron canadense or Fleabane, and chickweed are the worst weeds. Pigweed very plenty but easily killed.
Cultivated plants become weeds, as calystegia, fumitory, mountain fringe, Ambrosia, coreopsis.

Peach stones that fell in 1854 continue to come up.

June 1858.

Wednesday 2.
Warmest day this year.

Thursday 3. still warmer.
Son & daughter Williams came at 8½ in the evening. Left Augusta on monday. made some stay in Boston, and with Irene & Hilarthea in Springfield.
They say, as all others do, that vegetation is earlier here than in towns about Boston. Persons from Salem say the same as to the vicinity of that place — Joseph thinks the season is a fortnight more forward here than in Maine. Not an appl blossom on the Kennebec when they left.

Friday 4.

Saturday 5. Flowers, &c.
A few warm days have made vegetation go ahead.
Horse Chestnuts are in much glory, & their blossoms make more display than any others. Some are falling.
Hawthorn is about full blossom, both pink & white. Some of both by cultivation, have double flowers, as at Mr Silsbee's.
Common Locust begins to blossom near buildings.
Alternate leaf Dogwood begins to blossom at Mansion house. Not so forward elsewhere.
Persian Lilac is in full blossom in some places; not in all. Common lilac blossoms are fading.
Peonies, common red, begin to blossom at Dr Barrett's & at Miss Jewett's
Tree Peonies at Mr Shepherds, have been open a day or two.
Iris. The white are fading & blue nearly full or quite.
Trumpet Honeysuckle on Round Hill has several blossoms.
Quince Blossoms are half fallen.
Twin Flower is in full blossom — some flowers have fallen & some buds are not open.
Rockets make a full display at Brights.
Flowers shaped like a Lychnis, with swelled calyx are plenty at Brights, as in past years.
Yellow Lily. One flower open at Shepard's & at Thos. Cook's.
Perfoliate Bellwort, Crowfoot Geranium, Trientalis, 2 leaf Solomon's seal, are plenty in Round Hill Woods.
Service begins to blossom on Round Hill.
Bulbous Crowfoot continues abundant.
Acrid or tall Crowfoot is not plenty.
Abortive Crowfoot has long been very plenty.
Funitory is in blossom in gardens — has been some days
Snowballs are turning White
Viburnum lantago is in blossom at Mansion House

Vegetation is only about one day in advance of 1857. as to many things. Yet 3 days as to some.

Saturday 5. continued

Grasses

English, or Poa pratensis, shows panicles abundantly and they are taller than the Vernal grass and partly hide it. They are purplish in some places, and make reddish brown spots of a different hue from the reddish brown of the vernal grass.

Vernal Grass is still very distinct in many lots

Orchard Grass is only in a few places — not general Some panicles are fully developed.

Red Clover heads are seen in most places where clover grows, but they are not plenty yet.

White Clover heads are about as red ones.

Horse radish blossoms are conspicuous in some meadows.

Robert's Plantain (Erigeron No. 1) is in blossom, wherever it grows, and has been sometimes

Erigeron No. 2, has now a number of erect heads and full rays on flowers. Most of heads still droop.

Thimbleberry — generally begins to blossom beside the stone by wall

Wild Raspberry — Jewett's just begins to blossom

Elm Seeds, apparently ripe, fell in great quantities yesterday & day before, and the walks are full of them — some are in piles. Some trees still retain more or less.

Live Things.

Yellow Bugs came to day or to-night. Were on squashes & had eaten them more or less early on Sunday morning. Hundreds here.

Musketoes are plenty in my garden towards night.

Cutworms are rather plenty in the garden, or have been

Apple tree worms are very rare. I have seen two or three nests this spring past.

My peach leaves are diseased & are curling & falling. They attract ants, which run up the trees.

Bullfrogs. Their grum toad has been heard 2 or 3 days, or nights.

Bugs came in at window evening of June 7. Have no horns. Cricket first heard the same evening.

Flowers.

Dewberry or running berry has been in blossom a day or two. Blossoms seen in many places.

Barberry continues full of blossoms, though a little past the full.

Thornbushes. Some have faded blossoms, and some are full of blossoms.

Rock Rose has been in blossom several days, in Jewett's lot, S. of my garden.

Spiderwort is in blossom — has been some days.

Tulips make a show but are not graceful, many petals are wilted or lopping, or both.

Syringas. A very few blossoms out June 7. P.M.

Indigo plant. A few blossoms at Mrs Hannah's June 7.

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Sunday 6.
I attended meeting A.M. In P.M. I staid with wife and all the rest went to Unitarian meeting.

Monday 7.
I rode with Joseph & Fanny to Mayor Sylvester Smiths in Hadley. They soon returned. I remained till towards night and then walked home.
In Hadley Meadows, most of the corn & broom corn are up but I saw no mowed. Some will be hoed the present week. most of the corn & broom corn land is rolled after planting.
Potatoes are up also.
Grass & grain look pretty well.

Tuesday 8.
The birds were singing as usual at about half past three in the morning — perhaps a little earlier.
It is a growing season, and all vegetation advances.

Wednesday 9.
Joseph left us for Augusta today. Appha and Fanny remain.

Thursday 10.

Friday 11

Saturday 12. Rainy Day.

Sunday 13
I attended Meeting A.M. and P.M. Mitall A.M. and a stranger P.M. (it was the Baptist minister.

Monday 14. Flowers.
Syringas began to blossom June 8, & are about full.
Red Peonies are plenty but some are fading & falling
yellow Lilies are plenty — have been out some days (some are faded)
Upright Orange Lily is in blossom.
yellow Roses are plenty — not full. Have been out some days
Bourbault Roses are abundant — began last week.
Cinnamon Roses have been open many days.
Scotch white Roses are in blossom — not full yet.
Phlox about 2 feet high or early phlox is almost full.
Spiraea called prim has been out a few days.
Tulip Tree at Talbots has many blossoms — began last week. Mr Jewetts trees have no blossoms nor buds.
Honeysuckles of several sorts are in blossom
Perennial Verbena is in blossom

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Monday 14. Grass.

The recent rain has prostrated much heavy grass — Red clover is now abundant. Fescue grass and Tall Reed Grass show panicles Tall Crowfoot is more plenty & in mowings Bulbous Crowfoot is hidden Erigeron No 2 shows itself among the grass in many places.

Triticum repens on the wall near my house (N.E.) shows half the heads or more.

White clover by road sides & elsewhere is as usual

Oxeye Daisy has been out some days — Whitens some places.

Flowers.

Low Pinks. Miss Jewetts & others began to blossom June 9, and many are out now.

Blood red Pinks, short leaved, are in blossom at Williston

Sweet Williams. Miss Jewetts began to blossom some days ago, and others.

Dwarf Locust. Miss Jewett's began to blossom to day

Common Locusts are fully blossoms.

Alternate leaved Dogwood is in blossom at Mansion house, and has been two or three days

Arrow wood (a Viburnum) begins to blossom at M. house.

Tall cranberry is in blossoms.

Tomatoes Peninsula plants that were raised in pots began to blossom 2 or 3 days since.

Valerian, tall, has been in blossom 2 or 3 days.

Columbines are very plenty, of various colors.

Tall Briers have many flowers — out 5 or 6 days.

Strawberry began to blossom May 15 or 16, on Round Hill.

Flowers are a little in advance of last year, perhaps 2 days or 3.

Tuesday 15.

Wednesday 16.

Attended the funeral of Mrs. Asenath Gibbs at 9 A.M. She died on Sunday, aged about 69. Was formerly a neighbor at Westhampton, Asenath Hunt. The wife of David Smith of W.H. and afterwards wife of a Gibbs.

Lightning Bugs appeared this evening in the valley below the house or South of it — 4 days earlier than last year.

Crickets are heard — only here & there one. Very few.

Trilling Frogs very plenty.

Thursday 17.

Sister Smith and Aphia here to tea.

Miss Clark (was a Wright) from Calais, Vt. here to tea

I weighed 150 pounds a little more than some months since.

June 1858.

Thursday 17.

Rode to Hadley P.M. Convened with some men and with the widow of John Cook. Visited the burying yard.

Crops in Hadley.

Corn & Broomcorn — about 2/3 of both are hoed once. Many were hoeing. They began last week. Some Ind. corn was 6 inches high or more

Oats — some are about a foot high & here & there are the yellow flowers of the wild radish.

Potatoes. Some are hoeing — general not.

Rye has attained its height nearly, and the heads show the purplish hue a little, in forward pieces

Redclover in the meadow is in full bloom nearly and the heads redden the whole piece.

Herdsgrass shows heads half way out — some fully out. Same in N.H

Tobacco. J.S. Bell had set out an acre or two of tobacco plants, east of the burying yard, the present week. He had beds of young plants very thriving. He says it takes 6000 plants for an acre.

Yarrow in bloom shows itself in the meadow.

In Northampton meadow, they were hoeing corn as in Hadley, & corn seemed quite as large.

Hoeing Corn the first time in these meadows (Ind. corn & broom corn) will most of it have been done at the end of the present week, or during last week & present — say from June 7 to 19.

Some upland corn has been hoed the second time, on this street — on Dr. Hopkins land.

Friday 18.

Saturday 19

Sunday 20.

I attended meeting P.M. Mr Woodworth, the minister of East Amherst, preached. I staid with wife A.M. and all the rest went to meeting.

Monday 21.

Vegetables for sale at the Shops:

Asparagus, Radishes & Lettuce, These have been in market some weeks. Some onions for sale without much bottom

Peas have been for sale a few days. Were $2.00 a bushel, and are now $1.50.

Corn Hoeing. Many began the second Hoeing of corn & broom corn to day. Much will be hoed this week. Some have not finished hoeing the first time.

Strawberries. Some are ripe in gardens.

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Tuesday 22

The robin began its music this morning at half past three or a little before, and other birds soon struck in, and the air was full of sounds. The catbird was conspicuous.
The crickets, one or two, had not ceased, and the bullfrog's grum sounds were heard.
Herdsgrass heads are fully out, & some are more.
Redtop panicles are partly out of the sheath.
Poa aquatica by the spring brook shows pt. of panicles.
Lightning bugs are very plenty at night, and some are seen high up, near the tops of trees.
House flies & Horse flies are rare — scarcely any.
Yellow bugs are not very troublesome.
Black, stinking bugs are on squash plants.

Flowers, &c

The Low Pinks are in full blossom & very sweet scented.
Bourisault Roses make a great display. Are full, or a little past. Other kinds are out.
Foxglove has many flowers.
Eschscholtzia is in blossom.
Scarlet Briers is in blossom.
Pale Peony begins to blossom — at Miss Jewett's
White Peony has been in blossom some days — is about full.
Tall Valerian makes quite a display in gardens. The low species is also in blossom.
Erigeron No 3 is in blossom, and the tall, stout species, No 4, begins to blossom
Tall crowfoot (R. acris) is now plenty in wet places.
Oxeye daisy is conspicuous, wherever it grows
Red Clover makes a rich appearance in mowings. In some it is mingled with herdsgrass, and both are stout, & almost ready to be cut.
Homelots and some others are ready for mowing; and some have begun to mow.
White clover is plenty by road-sides, in places.
Fescue grass is in blossom.
Yarrow is in blossom by roadsides — lately begun
Wild Grapes have been in blossom some days, and the fragrance extends all around.
Bittersweet is in blossom in Jewett's valley.
Laurel is in full blossom in some places.
My native & Isabella grapes begin to blossom

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Wednesday 23

Thursday 24

My Currants began to be reddish 2 or 3 days since.
Cherrish have been reddish some days, & some have.
Birds & children get them. Some are white.
Beet tops for greens with the bottoms, we first used today.
Have had purslane once.
Haying is going on in home lots, and mowing in ~~upland~~ meadows.
English Linden trees begin to blossom
American Bass trees have not begun
Tulip Trees, have abundance of blossoms, but some faded, and a few have fallen. The beauty is gone.
Smoke Tree is in blossom, or has been, and shows reddish brown filaments.
Gleditschia Locust has been in blossom some days perhaps a week.
Clammy Locust. Mr Tilsbee's trees are loaded with flowers, almost full. Began some days ago.
Syringa, large flowered, is about full blossom. The small flowered sort has some blossoms yet.
Button ball trees have been as usual — show many dead leaves, & many green ones.
Pinks continue plenty. Some red with dark green leaves — some blood red.
Sweet Williams continue plenty.
White & pale Peonies are plenty. Some white have fallen
Mallows in gardens begin to blossom.
Canterbury Bells, Penninahs, and others begin to blossom
Scarlet Lychnis. Miss Jewett's begin to blossom.
Flowers shaped like Lychnis have been abundant some time at Brights.
Poppies are in blossom at Brights.
Roses. A great variety are now in blossom
The climbing prairie rose just begins to blossom at Dear. Silas Clark's — The Boursault are still showy — many rosebushes are injured by worms, &c. and show gauze brown leaves.
My Tomatoes that came up of themselves begin to blossom. Penninah's that she started in the house have been in blossom a week or more
My Peas began to blossom a week since
Gladiolus is in blossom } in Miss Jewett's garden
Snapdragon do }
The weather has been very warm & dry for some days. Spots of grass begin to turn brown.
Blossoms are 2 or 3 days in advance of last year.

June 1858.

Friday 25.

The birds begin to sing as in days past, a little before half past 3. or near 4 minutes past 3 in the morning. Old Robin's note is the loudest & most conspicuous. In the heat of the day, but few birds are heard. The indigo bird's jingling notes are heard at almost every hour. The catbird is noisy at times.

Great Shower. Between $1\frac{3}{4}$ and $2\frac{3}{4}$ P.M. there was a tremendous shower, with heavy thunder and much wind. The lightning struck two elm trees in the village, and frightened many. There has not been so heavy a shower this year before. The roads & gutters were full of water, and my garden had running streams of some size. My corn, tomatoes & many other things were prostrated, and corn in the fields was laid flat. The thermometer at 12 o'clock was up to 93°, and it was very warm after the shower was over.

Flowers &c.

Panicled Dogwood was in blossom yesterday at mansion house Prairie Rose. Peonies begin to blossom at night. Tall Valerian is very conspicuous in gardens of flowers. Mullein Pink begins to blossom. Miss Jewett.

Garden Strawberries are very plenty.

Tall Reed Grass is in flower, & is a little purplish.

Siberian Spiraea begins, in some places, to blossom

Larkspur in some places begins to blossom.

Cherries. Many gather ripe cherries, & the birds also. The greater part are not ripe.

My redeyed Cuckoos Beans begin to blossom.

Whippoorwill. Wife heard one this evening of 26th. I have not heard one this season.

Fragrant variegated Honeysuckle begins to blossom at Mrs Jewetts, 26th.

Elders are blossoming.

Saturday 26. Hot.

Sunday 27. 4th hot day

I attended meeting A.M. & P.M. Fans went briskly — many men use fans. I never do.

Monday 28 5th hot day — very pleasant

Flies — a few appear in the house, and about horses.

Toads. A few appear in the garden — and one frog at the end of the drain.

Musketas are in the house & garden — some.

Millers are plenty.

June 1858

Monday 28.

Samuel Edwards, was here to day and settled with me for three years past. Had of him October to April (1855 to 1856.)

Oct 1855	5½ bushels Apples in Oct.	at 50c	$2.75
"	2 bushel Centre Potatoes	at 75	1.50
"	1 " Potatoes April 18. 1856.		38
Jan to Feb 56	120 feet wood $4.73. 96 feet wood	3.75c	8.48
	106 feet do. 3.90. 86 feet do.	3.36	7.26
			20.57

This indorsed on his note of 312.47. Jan 13. 1856. Note dated Jan. 13. 1855.

Had of him Oct 1856 to April 1857.

Oct	5½ bushels apples		6.00
"	2 " Potatoes		1.17
"	5 Gallons Vinegar	at 20c	1.00
1857 April	1½ bushels potatoes	at 90c.	1.35
1856 Dec.	Wood. 103 feet wood 4.63. 1 Cord 5ft.		9.63
1857 Jan.	do 130 feet maple & birch		5.50
" "	do. 1¼ cord " do		7.00
April 30	121. feet do beech		4.77
			36.42

Indorsed on note Jan. 13. 1857.

Had of him Nov 1857 to March 1858.

1857 Nov.	2½ bushels Apples	2.50
"	1½ bushel Blk Centre Potatoes,	0.67
1858 March	1 bushel Potatoes	0.60
1857 Nov.	Wood 75 feet	2.92
Dec 7	do 108 feet	4.22
1858 Feb.	5 loads 93. 97. 100. 103. 96 feet, 489 feet, 3 cords & 105 feet at $5	19.09
		$30.00

Indorsed on his note Jan. 13. 1858.

Tuesday 29. Not so hot. Therm 86°.

Wednesday 30.

Rode to Hadley with Sophia P.M. to Mayor Smith's. Returned & carried her up to the Unitarian pic-nic in the woods on Pancake Plain. We soon came away.

Hadley people are haying some — especially in Clover. Indian corn is from 8 inches to 2 feet high; broom corn from 5 inches to a foot or more high; the greatest part is hoed twice — not all. Potatoes are a foot high or more. Oats begin to show panicles. Tobacco is small yet.

Northampton meadow is probably about the same.

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Money Matters.

Receipts.

July 1. Balance on 142d page $73.40
12. Boston & Providence Rail Road Divided 3 per ct. 30.00.
Aug. 31 of Franklin M. Ford on the Ford debt — 60.00
Sept. 25 from son J. Walker, on old matter 10.00
$173.40

Expenditures.

July 1 Paid my note to dau. Frances given July 6. 1857. 24.73 and interest 1.48 & 5 cents more. — 26.26
8 Post office box & paper 2 [illegible] Cheese 12c. 12 stamps 36 0.75
Horse & carriage to Hadley 50c. (ap. paid the rest) — 0.50
Crackers 16c. pecks peks 25. 1 doz Eggs 20c. 0.61
7. Paid my taxes Poll tax — 1.75
Homestead 900 dolls @ 6.75 per 1000. 6.07. } = 34.82 } 33.08
Personal 4900 " @ 6.75 " " 27.60 } off — 1.74 }
7 Finishing 2 chambers 65.25. J.W. Paid $65 — Left 0.25
Extra work $2. [Window blinds $5. paid by Walker] 2.00
8 Newspaper 3c. Cheese 12c. Yeast 3c. Chemics 15c. 0.33
12 2 lb Butter of Mrs. Jane Clark 40c. Washing July 5. 50c. 0.90
12 25c for [illegible] Paid bill S.G. Field 3.16 3.41
12 Paid bill of Thayer & Sergeant to July 1. — 5.33
13 Washwoman 50c. Fly poison 6c. Writing book 10c. 0.66
14 1/4 lb Tea 13c. Butter in June of Hoxie 12 lbs @ 22c. 2.76 2.89
14 Paid for 24 lbs flour to Wood & Kingsley — 1.00
Freight of barrel flour from Hartford to my house 0.62
14 Beef 1st lb 18c + 2 lbs 25. mending shoes Dea Clark 30c. 2 pairs 78.59 0.73
20 1 Gal Fluid 70c. Alcohol 6c. Gave a negro 25c 1.01
21 Sent by Joel Cook to pay my taxes in Westhampton 3.00
21 sent to son J.W. in Ny. $7 to pay for a bbl flour cost 6.50 7.00
21 Beef 18c. and 24th 18c Berries 4c. + 8c. Indian meal 30c. 0.78
27 Yeast 3c. Potatoes 4c. Penin 5c. Beef 22c. Berries 10c 0.59
30 Work on drain 4c. 1 cent 0.18
91.90

Aug 4th. Berries 19c. Beef 12. Toll 3c. Beef 22c. Berries 10c 0.66
10 1 qt Oil 25c. Fly poison 6c. Berries 8c. Beef 22c. 0.61
16 16 stamps 48c. Berries 16c. potatoes 8c. Cocoa 25. 0.97
20 Beef 18c. Berries 16c. do 2 quarts 16c. Beef 12c 0.62
25 paid for granddaughter Fanny 36c 0.36
95.12

Sept. 3. Beef 28. Apples 18c. Sugar 50c. potatoes 6c. Peninnal 15c 0.89
4 Paid Dr. Roberts Bill $9.00. watermelon 6c. Beef 23. 9.29
7 Paid Kingsley for Cloth &c for pantaloons $4.41. Hoxie butter 13.83 18.24
Sweet Potatoes 6c. Sickle 6c. Sweet Potatoes 12c. Ferriage &c to S.H. 35 0.59
8 Paid Stoddard & Lincoln's bill $14.22. Sundries 6c 14.28
10 Paid Shaw for horse & carriage to S. Hadley — 1.25
10 1 qt oil 25. Beef 15. Potatoes Sweet 12c at S. Hadley 31 0.83
14 Shoepegs 25. Engines paper 1.04. Alcohol 8c. Fly Paper 6 1.66
16. 5 Potatoes 8c. Beef Indiana 12c. Newspapers 3 8.91
20 potatoes 6c. Hopkins & Bridgman for binders $7.50 } 10c
matches 10c. Potatoes 4c. Sweet Potatoes 21c. Stamps
25 S. Hadley & Fanny 60c. Mending shoes 19c. Fanny 6c. yeast 2 } 32.24
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Thermometer

		Sunrise.	10 P.M.	9 P.M.		
Thursday	1	53.	73.	57.	Fair & pleasant. Cool.	N. & N.W.
	2.	46.	83.	68	Fair & pleasant.	S.E. &c
	3.	65.	77.	73.	Rain in morng. Day cloudy. Rain in the night.	S.E. &c
Sund	4.	70.	87.	70.	Fair & pleasant.	N. &c
	5.	62.	81	63	Fair & pleasant.	N.E.
	6	57.	84.	67	Fair & pleasant	S.W. N.W.
	7	58.	88.	72.	Fair & pleasant.	
	8.	60.	90.	72.	Fair & pleasant.	S.E. & S.
	9	62.	85.	74.	Fair mostly. Some cloudy.	S.E. & S.
	10.	71	86.	77.	Fair mostly. Some cloudy. Strong wind from S.	South
Sund.	11	70.	93.	70	Fair & hot A.M. Showers 3/4 hour P.M. Rainy night.	S.E. S.W. &c
	12.	62.	63	59	Cloudy, cool & some rain	N.E.
	13.	60.	72.	68	Rainy by turns. Heavy Shower P.M.	S.W. &c
	14	63.	73.	63.	Little rain. Cloudy.	N.E.
	15.	58.	80.	67.	Mostly Fair. some clouds —	N. & N.E
	16.	60.	83.	71.	Mostly Fair. Some clouds. —	
	17.	63.	86.	72	Mostly Fair some cloudy	Southerly
Sund	18.	67.	81.	63.	Rain in morning. Day fair	N. &c
	19	52.	82.	62.	Mostly Fair — — — — —	
	20	55	82	65	Fair & pleasant — —	
	21.	56.	82.	67	Fair & pleasant Little rain at 6.	S.
	22	59.	79.	65.	Heavy rain in night & Thunder. Half fair — Half cloudy.	Southerly
	23.	54.	76.	60.	Mostly Fair. Little Rain in the night.	
	24.	53.	75.	58	mostly fair.	Northerly.
Sund	25.	50.	72.	60.	mostly cloudy. some fair	N.E. S.E.
	26.	50.	74.	62	partly cloudy. part fair	S.
	27	59.	83.	72.	mostly fair — —	N.W. &c
	28.	60.	78.	62.	Mostly Fair — —	N.W.
	29	58.	79.	68	Some fair — some cloudy Rain in evening	S.
	30	58.	64.	60	Cloudy. Rainy P.M.	N. & N.E
	31.	57.	75.	63	Part cloudy, part fair.	N.E. S.W
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Temperature

At sunrise $58^{\circ}\frac{30}{31}$
At 1 P.M. $79\frac{17}{31}$
At 9 P.M. $66.\frac{4}{31}$
} Average $68^{\circ}\frac{20}{93}$.

Not so warm as last year, according to Penniman's record last year. moist, growing weather. Some rather cool days.

July 1858

Thursday 1.

Weather is cool again ——— Vegetation.

B. 255. My Garden.

Beans—only the redeyes are in blossom. Pole beans are at the top, two thirds of the way, & halfway up the pole.

Cucumbers & Canteloupes begin to blossom & barren bloss.

Winter squashes have run 2 to 4 feet.

Summer Squashes—do not run—no blossoms

Tomatoes have generally begun to blossom—some small tomatoes on the early plants.

Beets not all thinned out yet. Bottoms not bigger than a pullets egg.

Parsnips—only 6 or 8 inches high. Not thriving.

Peas have been blossoming some time—are full of pods, not yet filled.

Corn. My first planting is three feet high. Some has just come up, of last planting.

Cabbages—a few only, & small as yet.

Currants are large and are growing red ripe pretty fast.

Grapes—the native are as large as buckshot. Isabellas not quite so large.

Flowers in the village

Roses of many kinds are in blossom—a great showy flower. The Prairie rose, a high climber, has abundant blossoms and many buds.

Low pinks are nearly all withered & gone. Some taller ones and mullein pinks continue to blossom.

Tall pinks are not in blossom; only one or two blossoms.

Hair bells—Miss Jewetts began to blossom to day.

Sweet Williams, Canterbury bells, Valerians, Larkspurs, Gladiolus, Foxglove, Mallows, Honeysuckles, Eschscholtzias, Spiderwort, Phacelia, and other blossoms continue. Sweet Pea & petunia & Phacelia & sweet-Alyssum in blossom

Feverfew is full of blossoms—the single.

Tall White Lily has blossoms at Barretts & Brights, Miss Jewetts are not open.

Upright-orange Lilies are in blossom.

Hollyhocks at Brights have 2 a 3 blossoms—have just begun.

Peonies have nearly all faded and fallen

Siberian Spiraea is in full blossom—some have faded.

Smoke Tree makes a fine show with its green & purplish filaments.

Wild Flowers

Elder blossoms make a great show—are near full blossom.

Spiraea salicifolia is in blossom on Round Hill.

Maple leaf Raspberry is in flower—has been some days

Chestnut catkins are full length, & are beginning to be a little whitish. Are not in blossom. Trees are not white at all yet.

Motherwort is in blossom, and Mayweed

Milkweed has been in blossom some time.

Mulleins begin to blossom.

The season as to most things, is as forward as July 6 last year, or 5 days in advance of 1857. The hot weather has affected vegetation,

July 1858

Friday 2d.

Saturday 3d

Son J Walker & wife Elizabeth, and Arethusa arrived from Newyork about 1 o'clock in the night. It was dark & rainy. They had a long and heavy train from Newyork, & were hindered.

Fine growing time. Warm & rainy.

Sunday 4.

Went to meeting A.M. No other person went any part of the day. All tired from the ride yesterday, & watching last night.

Monday 5. Bells rung & Crackers fired for Independence. Irish & Germans all out and many yankees.

Peas are now sold at 1 dollar for a bushel of pods. Small new potatoes were for sale July 1.

Tuesday 6. We had peas from my garden

Wednesday 7.

Thursday 8

Son J. W. Elizabeth and I took tea at Mr S. (Isaac) Clark's. — Martha Matthews came P.M.

Friday 9. Flowers &c

Tall pinks began to blossom 2 or 3 days since

Coreopsis is in blossom.

Spiræa ulmaria } have been in flower 2 or 3 days
Spiræa tomentosa }

Prairie Roses continue to be rich & showy

Hollyhocks are becoming plenty.

White Lilies are plenty.

Fine Hay Weather, and many loads are brought from the meadow & uplands.

Rye grows light colored.

String beans we had to day, for first time.

Currants. Mine are mostly red and ripe, and they are large & fair.

Small squashes & Cucumbers are on my vines

My first planted corn shows panicles — or tops of them

Chestnut Trees are white or whitish, being in flower.

Cherries. Some have been for sale at 12½ cts per qt. for 3 days

Small beets. We have pulled some for the bottoms.

Flies are in the house & on horses.

Son J. W. & Elizabeth left us for Hartford and N.Y. at 5½ P.M. Also Martha Matthews for Springfield

July 1858

Saturday 10 Meadows, &c. in N. H. & Hadley.

Rode to Hockanum P.M. with Arethusa, Pennuah and Fanny. Had tea at brother Johnsons. Came home through Hadley village.

Rye is every where light-colored & heads hang low, but most of stalks have some green. It will generally be ready for the cradle next week. — I saw one piece cradled to day & lying in the swath, between Fort meadow & Hadley.

Barley. I saw one in N. H. meadow. Quite green & all show panicles fully.

Potatoes are of good height & more or less in blossom.

Tobacco in Hadley grows fast.

Haying. Considerable grass has been cut in meadows on both sides of the river but more remains uncut, I think, or more than half — perhaps near two thirds. Aquavitae is nearly half mowed, or quite. It has been an excellent week for haying.

Indian Corn in N. H. & Hadley is rank & green and is generally 16 to 30 inches high, and the extremes are 12 to 36 inches. Has a bright green & broader leaves than broom corn. May average 22 inches or more.

Broom Corn is from 10 to 24 inches high — may average 14 or 15 inches.

Both sorts of corn have generally been hoed twice and but twice — some three times perhaps — not much.

It was very dry and dusty, with a strong south wind, which made large waves on the Connecticut.

Chestnut Trees on the sides of Holyoke. The catkins are of a light green, or whitish, but not so forward as on Round Hill. The green of all the mountain trees is now much alike; the evergreens differ but little from the deciduous trees.

Middle Meadow was not much mowed near the Hockanum road.

Engeron was abundant in the meadows in some places. Tansy & yarrow in N. Meadow. and wild morning glory, and some oxeye daisy.

Elder Blossoms are yet plenty & make a show, but many have turned brown or faded or fallen.

Drooping Meadow Lilies show themselves.

Loosestrife blossoms on by side of road to Hadley.

Fort meadow in Hadley as well as other meadows and uplands have much more broom corn than Indian corn, in Hadley. More Indian in N. H.

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Sunday 11.
I attended meeting A.M. and P.M. Professor Haven preached — rather intellectual than practical. The forenoon was hot but the house was pretty full. Fans went briskly — many men fanned themselves. — In the afternoon there was a heavy shower with some thunder, and it rained three orders from $2\frac{3}{4}$ to $3\frac{1}{2}$, or $\frac{3}{4}$ of an hour. Almost all remained in the house sometime after the services were ended; the rain then ceased, & all went home without difficulty.

Monday 12 Some Rain

Tuesday 13. Rainy. Heavy Shower P.M

Wednesday 14. It rains some this morning This is the fourth day of rain. Not much rain to day.

Vegetables and Fruits.

Raspberries, wild, are sold at 12½ cents a quart
Not many gathered.
Thimbleberries begin to be ripe.
Running berries are almost ripe.
Cucumbers, Turnips, Tomatoes, &c are brought here from South of Newyork. Also ears of corn.
Cherries are sold at 10 cents per quart.
My currants begin to decay.
173 Garden Vegetables and everything grows rapidly with so much rain & hot weather. My garden has a luxuriant crop of stems and leaves. Peas have ceased to grow & are becoming dead & dry. We have had peas, string beans, small beets, and some squashes are nearly ready for the pot, and there are small cucumbers. Small tomatoes are abundant. Corn begins to eat, or to show the small beginnings of ears. Pole beans are in blossom. Cantelopes are full of blossoms but no small melons except those in blossom. Winter squashes are running to a great rate, but all the blossoms are barren, not a single fertile one as yet — Corn panicles show ~~pulled~~ anthers, or a few do, and one or two silks appear — my last planted corn is about a foot high. Grapes are about thirds grown.

p.31 248. 173. Weeds grow fast. Purslane is the most plenty. Annual grasses are abundant & some clover. Carpet weed, spotted spurge, stinging nettle, 3seeded Mercury, Fleabane (Erigeron canadense), wood sorrel, and chickweed are plenty in spots. Some pigweed, amaranth or hogweed, low mallows, knot grass, nightshade, dock, mullein, pearlweed, common sorrel & ragweed are rare.

Thursday 15.

Dau. Apphia, and sister Arethusa left us about 11 o'clock for Boston, Reading, and Augusta, Maine. Apphia has been here six weeks; and Arethusa came on the 3d. but has been to So. Deerfield & Greenfield. We have now our own family of three, and granddaughter Fanny H. Judd, making 4.

Vegetables &c

Peas are still sold at 1 dollar for a bushel of pods.
String beans are sold at $1.50 per bushel.
New Potatoes are sold at 1.50 per bushel.
These are prices for small quantities, as a peck, &c
New Beets are for sale - generally with tops on.
Onions raised about here are for sale.
Some old Apples are still seen.

Flowers

Those now prominent (besides verbenas & pot plants) are tall pinks, coreopsis, pink, & white Spiraea lobata, larkspurs, mullein pinks, hair bells; a species of orange upright lily is common; white lilies are nearly gone; prairie roses are falling and not many remain; hollyhocks are plenty. Eschscholtzia, Phacelia, Petunia, Sweet Alyssum, candytuft, sweet peas, low phlox, mallows and other flowers are in gardens. Morning glories begin to blossom. Spiraea Ulmaria and bells smaller than Canterbury bells are in blossom. — Bouncing Bet begins to blossom by roadsides.
Chestnut trees are in flower - not much brownish at yet, but whitish

Evening sights & sounds.

Lightning Bugs are the only sight, except Horned bugs show themselves in the house, and make much noise about the room.
Trilling frogs & bull frogs are heard.
Crickets - only here & there one is heard.
Noise of cars on the rail roads is heard.
Flies are in the rooms, & they buzz some in the evening.
Clark's dogs, opposite, often bark in the evening.
Boys on the Mill pond make a noise in the evening.

A woodchuck has come into my garden and eat off many bush beans. He has one or two holes in Jewett's lot. Wm. Jewett has set a trap for him

Birds as Robins, catbirds & others begin to sing a little before four in the morning.
Farmers are again busy in their hayings since the rains, & some begin to harvest rye, and some are hoeing corn the third time. 15th & 16th.
Bats are seen flying about after sunset.

Friday 16.

Saturday 17.

July 1858

Sunday 18.
I attended meeting P.M. Professor Aemon Warner preached. Mr Hall is absent.

Monday 19.

Tuesday 20.

Wednesday 21.
Fine Hay harvest weather this week, and it is improved — Field & garden crops advance fast enough, and vegetation is rather luxuriant.
Cherries and currants are almost gone, My currants have been picked, or are dried up. Others not so forward.
Peaches look well, though many have fallen, when the leaves were dis-eased & falling. The leaves have since shot forth & trees are very green
Apples have long been falling — the crop will not be large. Rubuses the same.
Squashes & Cucumbers, we have none.
Winter squashes run every where, but few or no fertile blossoms yet.
Tomatoes are vigorous & quite too thick. Blossoms and fruit are abundant, but none very near ripeness, in my garden.
String beans are abundant — no others yet, in my vines.
Corn grows luxuriantly.
New potatoes are of some size in the market.
Running berries were offered for sale the 22d of July — I saw none for sale before.
Red Raspberries continue to be sold.

Thursday 22

Friday 23

Saturday 24

Sunday 25
I attended meeting Am. & P.M. Mr Poor preached from New Jersey I think, & sang a former missionary. A man of fair talents, but a little Old School.

Monday 26

Tuesday 27

Wednesday 28

Thursday 29

Friday 30

Saturday 31

August 1. 1858.

Thermometer

	Sunrise	1 P.m.	9 P.m.		wind
Sunday 1	54.	79.	63.	Foggy morn. Day fair-cloudy ~~fair~~ mostly fair. At shower about 8 P.m.	N.E. S.E. &c
2.	59.	69.	62.	Cloudy	N.E.
3.	58.	72.	58.	Cloudy. Rain in evening & night.	N.E. &c
4.	57.	63.	61.	Rainy all day	N.E.
5.	60.	80.	68.	Fair 2/3. Cloudy 1/3. Little Rain.	
6.	61.	82.	66.	mostly Fair. Showers some miles off NW.	
7.	58.	77.	67.	mostly Fair	N.E.
Sund. 8.	54.	80.	62.	Fair and Pleasant	N. & N.E.
9.	53.	79.	63	Fair and pleasant.	
10.	57.	78	67.	mostly Fair	S.E. & N.E.
11	65.	80.	69.	mostly Fair	S.E. &c.
12	65.	80	66.	Rain in morn & at night. Day fair	
13	60.	82	64.	Fair & pleasant	N.E. &c.
14.	55.	80	66	Fair & pleasant.	
Sund 15	58.	77.	67.	mostly cloudy, some fair. Shower at night	N.E. S.E.
16	65.	82.	63.	Fair & pleasant	N.E. &c
17	56.	78.	66.	Mostly Fair	S.W. &c
18.	66.	84.	67.	mostly Fair. Rain in night.	
19.	64.	78.	56.	mostly Fair	N. &c.
20	48.	72	59	Fair and Haze. Cool.	S.W. &c
21.	55.	79.	63.	Fair & pleasant	N.W. &c
Sund 22	55.	73.	57	Partly fair, partly cloudy. windy.	N.W. &c
23.	48.	64.	54	Fair & pleasant. windy & cool	N.W.
24.	41.	73.	56.	Fair & pleasant	S.W. &c
25.	47.	75.	60.	Fair & pleasant	
26.	50	76.	58	Fair mostly. Some cloudy. Southerly.	
27	51.	65.	63	Cloudy A.M. Heavy showers P.M. Rain in the night	S.W.
28.	65.	72.	68	Cloudy A.M. Some rain P.M. & Evening.	S.E. &c
Sund 29.	64.	78.	64	Fair & pleasant. Fleecy Clouds and blue sky	S. & S.E.
30.	58.	73.	60.	mostly Fair	S.W. &c
31.	55.	75.	63.	Foggy. Day mostly fair	S.W. & S.
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Temperature

At sunrise $56\frac{26}{31}$
At 1 P.M. $75\frac{30}{31}$
At 9 P.M $62\frac{24}{31}$
} Average $65\frac{6}{31}$.

A degree colder than last year. A fine month, with plenty of rain

August 1858.

Sunday 1.
I attended meeting P. M. Mr Poor preached.

Monday 2.
August begins with a luxuriant vegetation and great greenness. So much rain and warm weather make every thing grow. My garden (and others) is overrun with long and large stems and leaves — a forest of plants. but fruit is by no means in proportion to the herbage. We have squashes & cucumbers and plenty of string beans, and a few shelled beans. Tomatoes do not begin to be red. Water squashes with 2 or 3 exceptions, are not bigger than my fist, but the vines are every where. Pole beans have small pods, and blossoms in abundance. Muskmelons are small generally, though a few as big as a goose egg. Beets are of decent size. Corn ears grow rapidly, but not in proportion to the stalks.

I believe a few ripe apples have been gathered, but I have seen none for sale. Grapes are of full size.

Haying is generally finished in this town, but not entirely. Rye was cut some time since. Oats are not harvested. Potatoes have larger tops than bottoms, and were retailed last week at $1.50 per bushel. I mean knew a higher price in this town.

Flowers.

Tiger Lilies } have been in blossom some days.
High Phlox } especially the latter. Lilies are not quite as forward. Miss Jewetts began July 31, but some were earlier.

Bouncing Bet flowers are plenty by the road.

Flowers of Larkspur, Coreopsis, Ragged Lady, Sweet Alyssum, Candy Tuft, Petunias, Hollyhocks &c. are plenty. Some poppies, hour bells, sweet peas, high pinks, zinnias, low phlox, phacelia, mallows and other flowers

Spring Wheat. There are some pieces in this and other towns, which are said to be good. It is ready for harvest.

Running berries continue to be sold at 8 cts a qt. They are imperfect — not fair.

Green corn is for sale at 2 cents an ear. Grew in this town. Cucumbers, squashes, beets, &c continue to be sold.

Apricots, a few are ripe.

Humming birds are often seen They like the flowers of beans, larkspurs, &c

Whortle Berries are brought from Shutesbury & Leverett & sold at 10 cents Aug 3 & 5 some at 9 cts
The trilling of the Harvest Fly, or Locust, just heard Aug 6.

August 1858.

Tuesday 3

Wednesday 4

Thursday 5.

Atlantic Telegraph. News came by Telegraph about 2 or 3 O clock. P.M. that the cable was laid across the ocean, and communications had passed through it from Ireland to Newfoundland. Our people were startled & somewhat excited, as few if any believed that those engaged in the work would be successful now, whatever they might do hereafter. Handbills from the Courier office were soon flying in every direction, and this was the general topic of conversation. Some thought it a hoax; another handbill came out before or about sunset, but this did not satisfy all. (I was not fully satisfied myself but the news seemed to be true.) They began to ring the bells & fire cannon not long after sunset.

Friday 6.

The news of the laying of the Telegraph went all over Canada and the U. States yesterday in a short time; or it went wherever there were lines of telegraph wires — to Canada & western & southern states. All were taken by surprise supposing the enterprise had failed, and there was great excitement every where, and much firing of cannon, &c.

Hadley Meadow.

I walked to Hadley, P. M. & back; rode part way.

Oats are mostly harvested; the weather has been bad & some have been injured. Some are now lying on the ground.

Indian Corn looks finely — all has silked out. It is from 5 to 8 feet high generally 6 to 7 ft.

Broom corn has a fine appearance, except some second planting, which is about 4 feet high; the rest is from 5 to 8 feet high — in general 6 to 7 feet. The forward fields begin to show the tops of panicles; not very plenty yet.

Tobacco grows fast — much of it two feet high and some higher, & leaves broad & long.

Potatoes have tops in abundance.

Grass, second crop, looks well. Some have not finished first crop, in outskirts.

August 1858.

Friday 6 Hadley Meadows - cont.

Grasshoppers were very plenty from 3/4 to 1 1/8 inch long, & the grasshopper noise was constant but not loud.
Crickets made some noise - not prominent
Butterflies & lillies were seen.

Weeds noticed in Hadley Meadows.

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Misc. 2 p. 214) Pigweed, hogweed or amaranthus, ragweed, tall ambrosia (not much) heartgrass, dock, plantain, purslane (abundant) carpet-weed, Erigeron Canadense, Wild Radish, horsetail, sorrel, 2 sorts of barn-grass, Setaria & Panicum, Digitaria wild morning Glory, & small running vine, wild peppergrass, Tickle-grass. Sothing grass. about paths were Beggar Ticks, Golden Rod, Vervain, Milkweed, & much plantain in spots.

Saturday 7. Evening Noises, & live things.

Crickets now have a regular evening noise
Grasshoppers have the constant chur-chur-chur.
Lightning Bugs are now rare.
Katydids have not come. [Aug. 8 were heard in Ev'g
House flies are plenty. We destroy vast numbers by the paper poisons.
Musketoes are very rare - seldom in the house.
The cuckoo's note is still heard.
Young Chimney Swallows have been heard in the chimney for 10 or 12 days.
Humming Birds, dart in the garden daily.
Squash bugs, (Stinking) are on the leaves in abundance.
P.S. Aug. 8 Evening. Heard Katydids back of Jewetts and Clark's houses, toward Round Hill. Not a single Lightning bug's fire seen.

Vegetables and Fruits

Ears of green corn continue for sale. mine not quite ready for eating, but nearly.
Early cabbages are sold, raised here.
Tomatoes begin to be ripe. We have a few that are red. Others have them more forward.
Pods of beans for shelling are seen. We have had shelled beans.
Small pears are for sale. (Dr. Hooker
apples are for sale but not plenty. Col. Shepard has had apples two weeks, or thereabouts.
Black Whortleberries have been for sale 4 or 5 days. Some from Shutesbury. Price 10 & 9 cents a quart
Pawpaws continue to be sold at 7 cents
New potatoes are more plenty.
Cucumbers, squashes, onions, beets, &c are plenty.
Aug 9. We had green corn & Tomatoes from the garden
Aug 11. Tall blackberries from Huntington were sold at 8 cents
Whortleberries are 8 cents, from Everett

August 1858.

Sunday 8.
Went to meeting A.M. and P.M. Mr. Hall preached A.M. and a young man P.M. — Wife at home alone. Peninnah and Frances are with Frances at Florence. Peninnah came in the evening.

Monday 9.

Tuesday 10. Live things &c
At Mrs (Isaac) Clarks in the evening with Pin. a large company of the Clark relatives there. We had tea handed around, with eatables.
Lightning Bugs were plenty about that part of the Street & farther west, but not one seen near my premises.
Katadids are back of the houses opposite to mine, and their noise quite plain, but not one is heard on the trees in the street.
Crickets & Grasshoppers have the regular fall noise.
Topics of Conversation. The Atlantic Telegraph, and Spiritualism.
Katadids, were on the Trees in the street Aug. 12 and after. Humming Birds are seen. Bats are seen in twilight.

Wednesday 11.

Thursday 12

Friday 13.
My left wrist is lame to day. Cousin Hannah Burt & Avery & husband here.

Saturday 14

Sunday 15
I attended meeting P.M. a Jew preached on the conversion of the Jews.
My wrist continues lame.

Monday 16.

Tuesday 17.
Messages from Queen Victoria to President Buchanan & his in return, were published in papers to day. It is said to have come by the Atlantic Telegraph, & his sent the same day — It does not appear that the telegraph has accomplished much yet — hardly any thing.

Wednesday 18.

Thursday 19
Sat out more French Turnips, which I had of Jared Clark. Sat out some plants of my own 7 or 8 days ago.

August, 1858.

Friday 20.

Apples, Potatoes, corn, tomatoes, &c are now pretty plenty in the market. Also shelled beans, small cabbages, &c Squashes & cucumbers, & onions very plenty. I have plenty of tomatoes, corn, squashes, cucumbers, beets, and some shelled beans. We do not yet find many pole beans (post & limas) ready for eating.

My peaches are some of them ripe & have been two or three days, & so have those of some of my neighbors, though not in general. The ripe peaches are very red outside & inside; why they are so, I do not know. Are they ripe prematurely?

Marsh Mallows are in blossom.
Our Japan Lilies & Day Lilies have been in blossom some days but not many out.
Marygolds & Asters begin to appear in Miss Jewetts garden
Snapps & Balsams have long been plenty.
Tiger Lilies & tall Phlox continue in blossom
Hair bells & some large bells continue.
Virgin's Bower, by the house, has shed its petals and begun to form filaments or strings.
Sunflowers have long shown themselves - large & coarse

Saturday 21.

Sunday 22.

I did not attend meeting - a little unwell.
Frances and Kate here.

Monday 23.

Sister Drusilla & Theron Herbert here at dinner.

Tuesday 24

Wednesday 25

Fanny H. Judd (my granddaughter, who has been here since April, started for Augusta at 6 P.M. Goes only to Springfield to night. Martha Matthews goes to Reading with her to-morrow — Penelunah went with her to Springfield, & will make a visit in Sp.

Thursday 26.

Friday 27

Set out some of Mr Jewetts Turnips. Mr Lee here from Norwich, Conn

Saturday 28

Penelunah came from Springfield.
In the evening, Mr Stockweather's barn was burnt, the work of an incendiary. The second barn he has lost in this way.

Sunday 29.

I attended meeting A.M. & P.M. Mr. Hall A.M. Mr Smith P.M.

Monday 30

Tuesday 31.

Heavy Thunder in the evening

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Thermometer.

		Sunrise	1 P.M.	9 P.M.		
Wednesday	1	54.	75.	58.	Fair & pleasant	N.W. &c
	2.	53.	73.	62.	Fair & pleasant	S.E. &c
	3.	58.	77.	68.	Cloudy. Rainy in evening.	S.E. & S.
	4.	67.	80.	67	{Cloudy. Showers in the night Sultry	S.E.
Sund	5.	58.	76	63.	Fog. Fair day	S.W.
	6.	52.	72	58.	Fair. Fine blue sky.	N.W.
	7.	50.	77.	65	Fog. Fair day	N.E: S.E.
	8	56.	80.	66.	Fog. Fair day.	Southerly.
	9.	58.	84	68	Fog. Fair day. Warm.	S.W.
	10.	63.	84.	68	Fog. Fair day warm.	S. &c.
	11.	67.	70.	58	Cloudy. Rain at 10½ an hour or two or 3.	
Sund	12.	54	70.	52.	Fair & pleasant	N.W.
	13.	43.	72.	50.	Fair & pleasant	
	14.	46.	66.	57	Cloudy	S.E. &c
	15.	54.	71.	59	Cloudy mostly	S.E. &c
	16.	60	67.	59.	{Rain began in night and was heavy much of day. Clear at 5. P.M.	
	17.	52	65.	54.	Fair & pleasant.	N.W.
	18.	45.	63.	51.	Fair & pleasant	NW. &c
Sund	19.	51.	68.	55	Fair and pleasant.	N.E. &c
	20.	55.	76.	61.	Fair & pleasant. Warm.	S. &c.
	21.	54.	80.	68.	Fair & pleasant. Warm.	S. &c
	22.	50.	58.	40	Fair & pleasant cold.	N.W. & N.
	23	33.	56.	40.	Frost. Fair & pleasant. cold.	N.W. &c
	24.	42.	60.	44	Cloudy. A little rain.	S. & S.W.
	25.	34.	58	41.	Frost. Fair & pleasant cold.	
Sund	26	34	60.	43.	Frost. Fair & pleasant.	N.E: N.
	27.	36.	62.	44.	Fair & pleasant	N.E.
	28.	36.	61.	42.	Fair & pleasant	N.E.
	29.	32	64.	58	Frost. Fair & pleasant	
	30.	40.	75.	60	{Fair. Little haze. warm. Thunder Showers in evening.	S.E.
		1496.	2100.	1679		

Temperature

At sunrise $49.^{\circ}\frac{26}{30}$
At 1 P.M. $71\frac{}{}$
At 9 P.M. $55\frac{29}{30}$
} average $58.^{\circ}\frac{55}{90}$

September has been a fine pleasant month with some frost. Differs but little from last year.

September, 1858.

Wednesday 1st.

The month begins with pleasant, growing weather. Indeed we have had plenty of rain, and growing weather all the season.

Wild Flowers, I have not been in the fields to see them. Golden Rods and Star flowers are plenty, and many other kinds are by the road side.

Garden Flowers are many — as Holly hocks, poppies, Japan Lilies, Larkspurs, Sweet Alyssum, tall white & purple phlox, low phlox, snapdragons or balsams, marygolds, Asters, Zinnias, Morning Glories common & scarlet, Gilias, Cahlias, Petunias, Verbenas, Mountain Fringe, Sunflowers — these huge plants show huge, coarse flowers. Althea or Syrian Hibiscus. Mallows. Mountain Fringe is always in blossom. Flowering Purslane. Bouncing Bet continues to blossom by the road.

Living Things.

The Katydids and Crickets } make a great noise in the evening. The trees about here seem fully Katydids Sept. 2. Mary Hall says the Katydids make a deafening noise at Westfield — much more than here. Not more noisy at Greenfield.

The insect that comes into the house, and makes a noise like the crickets, is green. Is it possible that the noise abroad comes from the green insects?

Grasshoppers, make the usual noise.

Harvest flies or Locusts make their sound in warm days.

Toads are about, sometimes frogs are near the house.

Birds. Some are seen, but bird music is rare.

Humming birds are on bean and other blossoms.

Frog Katydids have not been plenty this season.

Flies as usual. We have poisoned many thousands, and are not so much troubled as in some years.

Worms seem quite plenty on Elms, Weeping willows and various trees and shrubs.

The hornets or yellow tails have built a nest under my front eaves.

Black bugs (stinking) seem very plenty on squash vines and begin to secrete themselves about fences, boards, rubbish, &c. for winter. Some on the house.

Chimney Swallows, I do not see. They must have departed quite recently.

Lightning Bugs are gone — have been missing sometime.

Garden Vegetables are plenty, as Beans, Squashes, tomatoes, cabbages, green corn, onions, turnips, and others.

Potatoes are now plenty at 50 cents or less.

Apples — ordinary ones are plenty. Good ones not plenty.

Peaches. Many trees in the village bear well, but those for sale are few and dear. My neighbor Strong has had bushels, & most of them remain. My little trees have done well, or some have; not ripe on some trees.

Plum Trees are full of fruit — some are ripe. } I refer to others — not mine

Pear Trees seem to bear tolerably well }

Grapes. mine & others are full of fruit. Not ripe.

Blackberries continue to be sold — down to Sept. 4

September, 1858.

Thursday 2.
Mary Hall came here from Westfield.

Friday 3.
Penumah and Mary Hall went to Easthampton on cars and back in the evening.

Saturday 4.

Sunday 5.
I attended meeting A.M. — Mr. . . . . preached.

Monday 6
News of the death of an old acquaintance Rev. Eleazar Williams, came on Saturday. He died at Hogansburg, near St Regis, N.Y. Aug. 28. Until within a few years, he was supposed to be a descendent of Eunice Williams, a captive from Deerfield, 1704, & supposed himself to be so. Recently some have believed him to be the Dauphin, or son of Louis XVI, of France and he seemed to believe it himself when I last saw him, though not perhaps fully satisfied. I know not what to think; have strong doubts about his being the dauphin. Eleazar was a good natured boy, with only ordinary talents — apparently honest, but not always reliable because he changed his mind. I have passed many pleasant hours with him.

Tuesday 7.

Wednesday 8
Rode to South Hadley & spent some hours P.M. in the Town Clerk's office. Home at 7½. Mr Silsbee and wife here — A great picnic or Sunday school celebration to-day in N.H.

Crops in Meadow
Indian corn is hardening — is too hard for roast ears. Yet it is generally green — shows very little light color.

Broom Corn. The panicles are all out, spread, and pendulous. Some lower leaves are reddish.

Rowen. Some are haymaking, but in general they have not begun.

Thursday 9.
Friday 10.

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Saturday 11

Hoffmi cable from New York about 11 in the evening.

Sunday 12

I attended meeting A.M. McLeod of Goshen preached. Said to be an Englishman. He was quite animated, but his matter was not uncommon

Monday 13.

I walked out to South Hadley but got a ride about two miles. Walked a mile down to the old Butts place, or near it & back. Hired a horse & the hotel keeper, Mr Smith, & carriage, rode to Granby — went south round the Great meadow and north to the meeting house; then a little east of north to Batchelor brook; rode west, the south of the brook, & then turned south west towards the road farther south & Cold Hill. When I was within a half a mile of the road over Cold Hill, my horse stumbled and fell and broke one thill of carriage. I extricated him from the carriage and two men aided me to get him up. I then led him to Smiths, above two miles, and he sent after the carriage. I must pay damages. I never had such an accident in my life.

I then walked to Northampton 6 miles, and got home at 8 P.M. — I have walked to day about 14 miles.

Crops.

They been cutting & making rowen in our meadow and in South Hadley and Granby. Also in all these places ploughing for rye. Some rye has been sown, but not much. Men begin to cut up corn. Corn more forward in S. Hadley than in our meadow.

Fall colors.

Sumacs have some red leaves.

A few branches of maples have turned red, but do not show at a distance. The side of Hadley Oke is all green. Where trees have been cutt. & low shrubs have come up, then are some trees already green.

Evergreens & deciduous trees are much alike as to color, but differ in the shapes

Tuesday 14

Wednesday 15. Attended the funeral of the wife of David Parsons; d. P. lives on the paper mill road

Thursday 16. A heavy rain, with wind. Comet seen in N.W. Monday evening & this evening.

September, 1858.

Friday 17.

Saturday, 18.

Hoshni left us for Providence & Newyork this morning at 6 o'clock.

Sunday 19.

I attended meeting A.M. Mr. Perkins of Williamsburgh preached. Nathan Storrs & Clarissa Cook here in evening.

Monday 20.

Peach Trees in this town bear well this year or mostly them do, and many peaches are for sale. They are more plenty here than in N. York. my little trees have done well, in general. We have had many very good peaches, & some left yet.

Cantelope Melons, we have had in profusion. and tomatoes in great abundance. Great plenty of beans & corn. My last planted corn is now ready for boiling. Of Squashes & cucumbers we have had enough: have neglected them & let them go to seed — Winter squashes are on the vines; there are many, but not equal to the vines, which, as usual, run almost every where.

Native grapes are ripe in part, and we begin to eat them. They are large, fair and good. Isabella grapes are fast changing color, but are not yet ripe.

Cranberries are for sale in the village.
Barberries are about ripe & Children gather them in the Paradise lot.
Potatoes are plenty enough — at 2/ to 3/ per bushel and some at 30 cents. Some are rotting.

Autumnal colors.

Maples, sugar & red, have here & there a limb with red or yellowish leaves.
Elms, have some pale yellow or brown leaves.
Butternuts have more discolored leaves —
White dettod birch, has some yellowish leaves
Sumac has some bright red leaves.
Leaves begin to fall after the color is changed.

Katydids & Crickets are very noisy & lively in Warm Evenings

Tuesday 21.

Warm Day. Therm. at 80° at 1. Pm.

Wednesday 22.

Cool day. Therm. low.
Katydids & Crickets silent this evening

September 1858.

Thursday 23

Yesterday was cold, and I gathered before night-ing winter squashes, & some tomatoes.

This morning most of the leaves in the garden are stiffened with frost, and it must have been a killing frost in many places. Therm. low 33°. As the day advanced I found that the squash and melon leaves were generally killed, and the upper tomato and bean leaves, but the lower leaves were still green. Corn leaves some injured.

Sister Sally Smith came today for a visit.

Friday 24

Sister Irene Matthews came for a visit.

Saturday 25.

Frost about as heavy as that of the 23d. Ther. 34°

I went to South Hadley, & carried Sally and Irene to Hockanum. Called upon several persons in S. Hadley — Mrs. Powers, Mr. Collins, dear M. Montague, and Phiny Moody. Came back to Hockanum & took dr. brother Johnson's, and brought home Sally & Irene.

The Season, &c.

In the meadows & uplands, corn is generally cut and stacked; that not cut, shows the frost. Broom corn shows seed nearly ripe or quite; People have just begun to table & cut broomcorn. Broomcorn leans much by the winds. Pumpkins in the meadows are some ripe and many green. Frost in S. Hadley has been less severe perhaps than in Northampton.

Mount Holyoke is nearly as green as ever. Some the green is paler but not a great change. Some maple branches are reds, but maples are generally green.

Haymaking continues in all these towns.

The new sown rye is up in many places. Some are now preparing for sowing.

Sunday 26. Frost again. Very heavily, & found a whip which I walked down to Hockanum hastily, & found a whip which fell from the carriage last evening. Got home at 7¼ A.M. At meeting with sister Smith A.M. & sister Matthews P.M. A Stranger preached P.M. Mr. Hall A.M.

Monday 27. Slight frost. I went over to Hockanum grasshoppers. Crickets by yellow butterflies are plenty in meadows. Many busy on broomcorn & flowers.

Tuesday 28. Heavy frost.

Wednesday 29. Heavy Frost. Took tea at Mr. Woods, with wife and her two sisters.

Thursday 30.

Heavy thunder in evening. Mr. Durkee of Wms College here

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Money Matters.

Receipts

Oct. 1. Balance on 183d page $32.34
2 Rec'd of Sister Jane 20c for an old balance 0.20
8 Dividend from Greenfield Bank 60.00
29 Received on Mr Jewett's note 25.00
Nov. 12. Received on Hollon Johnson's note 35.00
Dec. 9 [illegible]
9 Brother Johnson paid the rest of his note $8.90 8.90
Elizabeth is to pay in York 1.50. charged below. 1.50
$162.94

Expenditures

Paid before October 1st & entered here
Paid for wood for horse & carriage to S. Hadley 1.00.
Book for Sally 16c. 3 lbs Butter at Hockanum 66c 0.76
2 qrts Kerosene 63c. 2 lbs Beef 23c Post office box 13. 0.99
Oct. 2. Indian meal & Rye flour 48c. Sweet Potatoes 23c 0.71
5. Butter 10 lbs 1330 22c. $2.38. Apples 20c. Beef 15c Chisel 11c 2.84
5. Paid Thayer & Sergeants bill 2.84. 2 tin cans of O.E. 46c 3.30
6. Yeast &c. 4 & 3c. Paid Wilcott for use of 1/3 of new for 1858 $10.42 10.49
7 Oil 25c. Apples 6. Paid Bridgman for "The Words of Jesus" 38c. 0.69.
9 Potatoes 20c. Postage 7c. Beef 17c. Jerney 6 & 3c 0.53
12. Beef 28c. Cheese 17c. Postage on tidy 9c. Rye flour 9c 0.63
15 Smelt bag & salt 25c. Sweet Potatoes 9c. Buttons 10c 0.44
16 Paid Wood & Supply on account $10. Gal Fluid 70c 10.70
18. Rail & ferriage to and from S. Hadley 36c. Bridge toll 3c 0.39
19 paid for repairing Refrigerator 2.00. Rye flour 19c 2.19
20 paid Dr Fiskes bill $3.00. mending Spectacles 15c 3.15
20 Sent to S.G. Drake for H & G Register for 1858. $2. 2.00
40.81
21. Laudanum 6. Beef 9c. Milk 5c. Repairing Hadley Rec. 25c 0.45
27 5 stamps 15c. 3¼ lbs Beef at 10c 37c. Rye flour 30c 0.82.
27 Paid Mrs Ryan for house cleaning 60c. Cheese 15c 0.75
28. Wash tub $1.30. 2 quills 8c. 1 qrt oil Oct 25 9c 1.63
30 paid Mrs Jewett for Milk from April 1 to Oct 1. 149 qts 7.45
51.91
Nov 1. 12 lbs & 5 lbs sugar $1.50. 1 Gal Molasses 45c. 1 peck potatoes 15c. 2.10
2 Paid Kennedy for work on Gravestone for ancestor, Dea. Thomas Jeffold 13.00.
2 Paid for butter 1.26 & apples 40c (Nordie). paid Lee, balance 3c 1.69
2 Paid Randall for carrying stone to burying yard 25c 0.25
3 Paid 2c. Beef 19. yeast 3c. 10 stamps 30c Lard 56c 1.10
10 Beef 8c. Sylvester Cloak by express from Augusta 50. 0.58.
12. Paid S. Jewett for a cord of hard wood $5. Bridge 3c 5.03
15 Rye flour 30c. Cheese 19c. Beef & suet 48c. 1 qt oil 33c 1.30
17 12 lbs & 10 lbs sugar $2.00. 2 2lb boxes Raisins 1.60. Sawing wood 67c 4.27
19 Crackers 8c. Fare to Smiths, ferry & back & ferriage 36. 0.44
23 Potatoes 13c. Sawing wood 67c 3 fowls 78c. Pork 46c 2.04
26 Paid Metcalfs towards printing History of Hadley 40.00
27 Shoes for wife & Pin $2. Plates 45c. Yeast 8c. Sundry 10c 2.63
29. Part of tub 30c exchanged. Postage from California 12c 42
126.76
Dec. 1. Wash woman 50c. Ind. meal 20c. Gum Arabic 5c 0.75
3. Postage & Genealogies 32c. 10 stamps 30. Beef 47c 1.09
Paper 4c Postage [illegible] mrs. Clark 3c. Wheat flour 25c 0.32
9. Beef 19c. Pins 1c. Left to N. York for dress &c 6.15. I paid 4.15 4.34
Butter two lbs 2.00. Things for Elvr. 40c & 10c 1 qt oil 25 2.81
1 Gal fluid 70c. Rye flour 25c 0.95
11. Express 38c. Sawing wood 1.33. Splitting 34c 2.05
15 Rye flour 31c. Small matting 25c. 33½ lbs Rye [illegible] $1. Beef 5c 11c 1.37
22 Courier 1.17. Lard 1.12. Stamps 33. Beef 35. fluid 70. Oil 25 3.67
N.Y. Evangelist 2.00. Jan 1. 59 Balance to 219th page 6.27
$162.94

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Thermometer.

		Sunrise.	1 P.m.	9 P.m.		
Friday	1st	56.	65.	52.	Cloudy. Showers P.M.	Wind Southerly
	2	43.	58.	44	Fair & pleasant.	N.W.
Sund	3.	41.	68.	65	Cloudy or hazy.	S.E. & S.
	4	61.	70.	60.	Sunshine & haze. warm.	N.W. & c
	5.	52.	64.	51	Pleasant & mostly fair.	N.W.
	6	39.	60	42	Fair & pleasant	N.W. & c
	7.	34.	50.	56	Cloudy. some rain. cold.	S.W.
	8	40.	54	38	Fair.	N.W. & c
	9.	32	52.	44	Frost. Fair mostly. Little rain	S.W. & c
Sund	10.	39.	56.	42	Fair	
	11.	36.	59.	40.	Fair	N.W. & c
	12	38.	56.	48	Cloudy	N.E.; S.E;
	13.	45.	51.	50	Rainy Day	N.E. & c,
	14	50.	61.	44	½ fair. ½ cloudy	N.W.
	15.	45.	55.	44	Fair & pleasant	N.W.
	16	33	61.	49	Fair & pleasant	
Sund	17	48.	65.	52	Cloudy mostly. warm.	S.E.
	18.	42	68.	50.	Fair & pleasant. warm.	
	19.	48.	68.	52	Fair with some smoke. warm.	S.E
	20	50.	63	51.	Foggy Am. Fair P.m.	N.E; S.E
	21.	51.	60	49.	partly Fair. some cloudy	N.E; S.E.
	22.	45.	52.	51.	Cloudy.	S.E & S.
	23.	50.	65.	54	Shower at 6. Day mostly cloudy but some fair. Rain in evening	
Sund	24.	49.	58.	44	Cloudy mostly. Windy.	N.E
	25.	35.	47.	34.	Fair & pleasant. cool.	N.E.
	26.	26.	47.	34.	Heavy Frost. Fair & pleasant.	N.E.
	27.	31.	59.	40.	Fine, pleasant day	N.E. & c
	28	31.	60.	43.	Fine, pleasant day.	N.E.
	29.	33.	51.	43.	Cloudy day. Rainy night.	N.E
	30.	44	58	57	Rainy by turns.	S.E. & S.
Sund	31.	52.	63.	46.	Fine, pleasant day	N.W.
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Temperature

At sunrise — $42\frac{17}{31}$
At 1 P.m. $58\frac{26}{31}$
At 9 P.m. $47\frac{12}{31}$

Average $49° \frac{55}{93}$.

Friday 1st.

Katadids have been silent several nights past but a few have made the usual noise in the day time, in the warm part of the day. I have often heard them in the edge of woods, late in the season, in the day. It was warm last evening, and Katadids and crickets were again heard.

There was a shower with heavy thunder last evening; and more thunder & rain in the night.

October begins with a mild day.

Autumnal Colors.

Butternut Trees have lost very many of their leaves and those remaining are light green & yellowish.

Elms have lost many leaves, but a large portion remain, and are green, though faded.

Maples on this street have many red or reddish branches, & some yellowish, but most of the leaves, perhaps nine tenths, are still green. South of my house, there are maples brilliantly red, but not all red. Red maples have the most red.

Sumacs show themselves in many places and are almost all red — some bright red.

Ampelopsis is growing red, but is more green than red.

Wild cherries have shed many leaves, & English cherry has some reddish leaves.

Chestnuts on Round Hill are generally green, yet some trees have a few yellowish leaves, and most trees have shed some leaves.

Oaks have some faded leaves — almost all green.

Gleditschia horicast begins to have yellowish branches.

Rubus genus. Some of these, as the dewberry, have red leaves.

White deltoid birches have some yellowish leaves and other birches have a few.

Forests are generally green, except where maples are intermingled; they redden the outskirts a little.

Frosts.

We have had several frosts but none very hard. Leaves of most shrubs and herbs are not killed. In my garden, the tops of beans, tomatoes, grapes, and the leaves of squashes & melons are killed.

But few flowering plants in gardens are killed.

Flowers now seen are tall white Phlox, low phlox, sweet Alyssum, standing cypress, petunias, asters, many golds & many more. Pot plants, as verbenas, heliotropes, &c are not hurt. Morning Glories are partly killed, & part in blossom. Mignonette not injured. Hairbells continue to blossom. Artichokes are in blossom.

We gather beans for shelling, and tomatoes, plentifully.

 October 1858

Saturday 2.

Sister Irene left us P.M. for Westhampton.
Sister Sally left us P.M. for South Deerfield

Sunday 3.

I went to meeting P.M.; At home A.M.

Monday 4.

Warm weather for October. The Katadids are noisy at night, and the crickets are heard though not so loud as a month ago.

Robins, chipping birds and some others are about. Bees, yellow tails & other insects with stings are lively.

Grapes. We gathered the remainder of our native grapes today. Have had in all from 1½ to two bushels - certainly ½ bushel. Some birds have eaten many. — Isabella Grapes are not fully ripe, but some are ripe.

Green shelled beans we had until Oct. 1st

Tomatoes we still have.

Flowers still bloom

Leaves of trees now change color fast. Red, yellow, pale green & other autumnal hues are common, though green predominates.

A screech owl made his noise on Mr Jewett's Elm last evening - not a screeching noise

Tuesday 5.

The Comet continues visible every evening with its long & brilliant tail.

Wednesday 6.

Thursday 7

Chestnuts are for sale today — the first I have seen. Very few burs are open.

Friday 8

Saturday 9

Went over to Hockanum to measure some distances with my feet, & to make inquiries about old things

The Fall colors have much increased but they are not brilliant. Butternut leaves have mostly fallen.

The mountain is mostly pale green but there is much dusty yellow and brownish. The chestnuts are a mixture of the hues just named, but green predominates. The birches are a dark, dusty yellow; many oaks display a vivid green at the bottom & on the steep part of the mountain.

The broomcorn is chiefly in the barns, and some Indian. The latter is generally in bunches.

October 1858

Sunday 10.
I had a bad cold and staid at home.

Monday 11.
went over to Hadley P.M. went to Mr Kellogg's and Mayor Smith's. Mayor Smith brought me to the bridge in the evening.

Autumnal colors increase, but there are few or no bright colors. No red on the mountains and but little on the low lands. The yellows are pale.

Tuesday 12

Wednesday 13
Cattle Show. Rainy Day & few persons about.

Thursday 14
Day tolerably pleasant, and there was a great collection of people to the cattle Show & other shops. A great number of waggons passed by my house.
The Irish & Germans are all men and women, every high day, and dinner time the Irish get drunk. I saw three or four drunken ones to day. Probably some Yankees were drunk.
There were hundreds of one horse waggons. The streets were full of them. All on springs, and perhaps one in 10 has a chaise top or some top. In general they have but one seat but some have two.
No man is seen riding horseback these days, for any distance. No man comes from the out towns to Northampton on a horse's back. There is a little sportive riding on a horse about the village, by men & women.

Friday 15
Many flowers are still seen in gardens, besides hot-flowers, as Marygolds, Petunias, Dahlias, morning glory, mourning bride, sweet alyssum, standing cypress, tall & low Phlox, and some others. Herbeds still blossom, but not abundantly.
I gathered my beans to day; only the top leaves have been killed by frost. I gathered green pods enough for one or two messes of shelled beans.
I was at Sylvester Wright's on King Street in the evening; went to see his wife's father, Levi Moody of Granby.
The chestnuts woods on the mountains and Round Hill are very yellow. There is no beauty in them — Some trees are bare, as butternuts, and a few elms & maples. Some red maples are quite bare. The maples on this street are green, pale yellow & pale red.

October 1858.

Saturday 16.

The weather continues moderate & pleasant. There has been no severe frost as yet. This evening, with the thermometer at 51°. a few Katadids are heard, though rather dull, and a few crickets.

Sunday 17.

I attended meeting A.M. & P.M. Mr Hall preached two good Sermons. The one P.M. on the penitent thief. He had very little faith in deathbed repentance. Should have doubted whether the thief was converted and saved, if he had not the assurance of Christ.

The evening was warmer than last evening but I heard only crickets – no Katadids.

Monday 18 Birds.

A large flock of blackbirds near here this morning – Robins, bluebirds, chipping birds, yellow birds & some other birds of passage are here yet. Winter birds as Crows, blue jays & chickadees are common.

I went to South Hadley to day. Rode in the cars to Smiths Ferry; crossed the ferry and walked down near the river to the head of the canal & down farther in the road to near Lambs house and old Taylor place. Then turned & came up by Willard Judds – had conversation with him on the road; and with Perez Smith further east and north, & with Cyrus Alvord before I came to Perez Smiths. Kept along over Stony brook to Emerson Bates's dwelling and took tea, after taking a walk on the lowland up to Bachelors brook near the mouth. Left niece Sarah Bates (her husband not at home) and crossed at Smiths ferry, and rode home in the cars – got home a little after eight.

A warm, pleasant day & evening. I heard Katadids at South Hadley, and after I reached home, and crickets.

Tuesday 19

Walked P.M. to Hadley to Mayor Sylvester Smiths and back – about 3½ miles or more – 7 both ways. The third warm day. Thermometer at 68 both days between one & two, & 70° somewhat later. Katadids I heard about Mayor Smiths before night. In Northampton on the plain & in Elm Street Crickets were quite noisy – Went to see Mr Moody again in the evening

Wednesday 20
Another rather warm day.

Thursday 21.
Another rather warm day
Mr Silsbee & wife & son and Sister Hannah S. and Mr Lander of Danvers, were here to tea and in the evening.
I gathered some Isabella Grapes to day from the vine on the house — very sweet & good. — fully ripe. [Gathered the rest Oct 26 — had nearly a bushel.
Some Crickets in the evening but no Katadids. most of the elm leaves have fallen, and many of the maple leaves. Katadids have been heard of late only on trees full of leaves, & some of them green.

Friday 22.
Visited Levi Moody again at night — Mrs. Isaac Clark, & Mrs Isaac Clark Jr. and Martha Clay here to tea and part of Evening.

Saturday 23.
Heard one Katadid & some crickets this evening. before it rained.

Sunday 24.
Attended meeting A.M. and P.M. Mr Hall preached A.M. and the Baptist minister P.M. The subject of the letter was the form of Godliness without the power. He thought the form was important, but useless unless accompanied by the power.

Monday 25
The weather is colder after a week of warm weather.
I and wife and Pin at Mr. Silsbees in evening.

Tuesday 26. Gathered my Isabella Grapes — sweet & good.
First severe frost this season was this morning. Yet leaves have changed their color, and a large portion have fallen as usual.
Went to see Mr Moody again in the evening.

Wednesday 27. Northern lights in Evening
Thursday 28 Mr. Fessenden & wife of Hartford here in
Friday — 29 attended funeral of the evening.
babe of Isaac E. Clark at Mrs Clark's. Is C. grandchild
Saturday 30. Rainy, mild. Crickets croaked in the evening.
Sunday 31. I attended meeting A.M. & P.M. Mr Hall fore
with pleasant day. Some fans in motion.
Some crickets heard in evening.

November 1858.

Thermometer

		Sunrise.	1 P.M.	9 P.M.		
Monday	1st	40	59.	50.	Mostly Fair, mild	N.W. S.E.
	2.	42.	47.	41.	Cloudy.	
	3.	40.	49.	41.	Cloudy	N.E.
	4.	40.	42.	40.	Rainy. cool	N.E
	5.	40.	51.	44.	Cloudy.	N.W. &c.
	6.	43.	42.	38	Rainy. cool.	N.E.
Sund.	7	38.	50.	41.	Cloudy A.M. Fair mostly P.M.	
	8.	35.	53.	39.	part fair. part cloudy.	S.W. &c
	9.	30.	48.	40.	part fair — more cloudy.	N.E. &c.
	10.	33.	45.	34.	some fair — some cloudy.	N.W. &c
	11.	25	39.	25.	Mostly fair. some cloudy.	N.E.
	12	18.	35	22	Fair day. cold.	N.E.
	13.	22.	29.	28	Cloudy. little snow. cold.	N.E
Sund	14.	21.	30.	22	Snow 1 inch on the ground.	N.W. &c
	15	14.	32.	26.	Partly fair — cold Cloudy. cold.	S.E: S.W
	16.	14.	34.	30	some fair. some cloudy. cold	N.W.
	17.	26	38.	32	Fair and windy. cold,	N.W.
	18.	35.	42.	34.	Mostly fair.	N.W.
	19.	37.	42.	28	Mostly fair. Windy.	N. & N.W.
	20.	22.	42.	28	Fair & pleasant.	N.W.
Sund.	21.	22.	38.	33	Cloudy	S. N.E.
	22.	26.	42.	29.	Fair & pleasant	N.E. N
	23.	32	36.	32	Snowed 2½ inches last night and today, and rained some	N.E. N.
	24.	31.	42.	31	Cloudy. muddy. sloppy.	N.E. N.
	25.	28.	32.	27.	Mostly fair. unpleasant.	N.W.
	26.	28.	36.	29.	mostly fair. not pleasant.	N.W.
	27.	28.	35.	30.	Mostly cloudy.	N.W.
Sund	28.	28.	32.	28	Cloudy. Snowy P.M. and night. 2½ or 3 inches fell.	S. &c
	29.	17.	32.	14.	Fair and pleasant.	N.W. N.E
	30.	19.	38.	25	Fair and pleasant.	N.W.
		874.	1213.	961		

Temperature

At sunrise $29^{\circ}\frac{4}{30}$
At 1 P.M. $40\frac{13}{30}$
At 9 P.M. $32\frac{1}{30}$

Average $33^{\circ}\frac{78}{90}$

November 1858.

Monday 1.

The month begins with a mild day, such as we have had for several days.

I had set up to day, a grave stone to my first ancestor, Deac. Thomas Judd. It is a large, upright stone, a slab, which I at first erected at my father's grave, but afterwards procured a more solid and expensive stone. This was left on my hands, and I have recently had the old inscription erased by reducing the thickness of the stone, and a new inscription engraved, and to day it was set in my plat in the grave yard. It is one of the tallest sized stones of this kind in the yard. Of hard marble but not so white and pure as some. I paid Kinney for work on the stone $4.50. Lettering 8.66 — all $13.16. Carrying to the grave yard. 2.5

The deciduous forests are generally bare, and the trees in open lands. There are exceptions. Many oak trees retain dull red & brownish leaves, and a few are of a bright red. They are conspicuous in the woods in various directions on mount Holyoke & on some low lands.

Willows, yellow & weeping are green and retain their leaves.

English Elms are green; few leaves have fallen.

English Lindens still retain many leaves.

Fruit trees retain many leaves — Quince trees are the most green. Many apple trees are greenish & many are bare; some cherry and peach trees have many leaves & some are bare.

Shrubs as lilacs, hawthorns, many rose bushes and other foreign shrubs retain their leaves in part.

Silver Poplar trees retain their leaves, or most of them.

Common Locust retains many greenish leaves.

Hackmatack leaves are of a dirty yellow. Scotch Larch yellowish

Garden Flowers are almost gone. Chrysanthemums; called Artemisias, are bright; Sweet Alyssums are full of flowers; Verbenas continue to blossom; there are a few petunias, white phlox, hairbells and some others. But the flower beds have lost their beauty & most of their flowers.

The Yellow blossoms continue on Witch Hazel, in the woods.

Grass Fields are generally green, in every direction — the Homelots, meadows, & pastures on the hills and mountains. There has been so much rain, and so little severe frost, that grass seems greener than usual.

Tuesday 2.

Town Meeting. I was in the Hall long enough to put in my votes, & came directly Home. Those who had elected Luke Lyman as register of Probate and Geneas County Treasurer, were foolish enough to fire cannon between 11 and 12. I did not vote for either of them.

November 1858.

Wednesday 3.
The birds with two white feathers in the tail are about my garden to day.

Thursday 4.

Friday 5

Saturday 6.

Sunday 7.
I remained at Home.

Monday 8.

Tuesday 9

Wednesday 10

Thursday 11
Ice this morning was almost 1/4 inch thick or 3/16 th — the first ice we have had this fall worth noticing.
Thermometer 25°
Mr Fessenden & wife of Hartford here this evening on their return from Brattleboro'.

Friday 12
Walked over to Hadley A.M. Rode to several places with Alfred Sylvester Smith. Came home after sunset.

Saturday 13.
A winter day and some snow. Windy night.

Sunday 14
An inch or a little more of snow fell yesterday and last night and the hills and mountains around are white or whitish this morning.
It was a winter day and no thawing in the shade, and very little in the sun
I attended meeting A.M. and P.M. Mr Hall preached A.M. and Mr Eddy P.M.

Monday 15
Another wintry day. Hills still white.

Tuesday 16.
Still a wintry day

Wednesday 17

Thursday 18
Did not dig beets & Turnips till to day the ground has been so frozen. Could not dig all my turnips. Gathered a few cabbage heads

Friday 19
Dug remainder of Turnips, & covered end of drain.

Saturday 20
Went to see Mrs Boltan Clark in the forenoon—was there 2 or 3 hours, inquiring about old things in S. Hadley.

Sunday 21.
I attended meeting A.M. only. An agent of the orthodox publication Society preached.

Monday 22.
Went down the Rail road to Smiths ferry and crossed to South Hadley—went out to Walter Stickney's and the mouth of Stony brook. Was gone about three hours and a half.

Tuesday 23
Snowy & some rain, & going sloppy. About 2 inches of snow remained or near that. The hills are all white, and the valley. A disagreeable day.
Sister Irene & her daughter Martha came from Springfield. P.M.— P.S. Brother Parsons carried them to Westhampton on Wednesday.

Wednesday 24.
Sleighs run some; waggons more. Sleighing is poor. Middle road is muddy, sides sloppy.
Daughter Elizabeth (wife of J.W.) came from Hartford P.M.

Thursday 25.
Thanksgiving. I attended meeting in old m. house. 2 congregational congregations and one Baptist met. Mr Hall preached a good discourse, but not adapted to the day much. The people were thin in the old place. Think a large number in all; they would have nearly filled the Edwards church— Cold weather & not pleasant. Not much throwing.
We had at dinner, myself, wife, Pin. dau Elizabeth, dau. Frances and Kate.

Friday 26

Saturday 27

Sunday 28
attended meeting A.M. Mr Hall preached
Snowed very gently P.M.

Monday 29
Brother Parsons brought in Irene and Martha.
Snowed yesterday P.M. & last night about 3 inches. Many sleighs are going to day & some waggons.

Tuesday 30
Irene & Martha left us for Springfield at 5. P.M.
Sleighs are plenty & some waggons. Sleighing bad in the village.

December 1858

Thermometer.

		Sunrise.	1 P.M.	9 P.M.		
Wednesday	1.	15.	29.	19	Fair	N.W.: N.E.
	2.	18.	30.	29.	Cloudy	
	3	30.	42	38.	ht. cloudy. part fair.	S.E.
	4	27.	24.	22	cloudy. Some Hail	N. & N.E.
Sund	5.	25.	30	32.	cloudy. Little hail & sleet	
	6.	31.	39.	28.	1/4 to 2 inches hail & snow on the ground. Fair & pleasant. Thawy.	N.W.
	7	18.	29.	31	Cloudy. Trifle of snow. Some rain in night	N. and N.E.
	8.	33.	38.	28	Cloudy. Thawy windy night	S. N.W.
	9	18	26.	20.	Fair. Good sleighing.	N.W.
	10.	10.	30.	22.	Fair. do do.	
	11	22.	36.	31	Mostly Cloudy. do do	S.
Sund	12.	18.	25.	19.	Fair, bright & cold	N. and N.E.
	13	22.	28.	32.	Cloudy. Rain in evening.	
	14.	33.	37.	35.	Cloudy. & unpleasant. Rain in the night	Slippery
	15.	36.	45.	39.	Cloudy. Thawy.	Southerly
	16.	30.	42.	26.	Fair & pleasant	
	17	25.	36.	22	Cloudy	N. &c
	18	9.	16	7	Fair & pleasant. cold	N. &c
Sund	19	4.	21.	23	Cloudy. Snowed 1/2 inch cold in night.	N: N.E: S.
	20.	31.	42.	30	mostly fair. Thawy.	N.W.
	21.	30.	34	32	Some Rain, hail, & snow.	
	22.	31.	35.	26.	Clouds, sky & flurries of snow.	N.W.
	23.	18.	31	21.	mostly cloudy	
	24.	18.	26	13	Fair. pleasant & cold	Northerly
	25.	4.	19.	6	Fair, pleasant & cold	Northerly.
Sund	26	1 below.	23.	26	Fair 9 A.M. Hazy P.M.	Southerly
	27.	34.	42.	34.	Mostly fair. Thawd some	
	28.	29.	34.	22.	Fair & pleasant.	N.W.
	29.	14.	26.	18	Cloudy	N. & N.E.
	30.	15.	21.	15	Cloudy cold.	N. & N.E.
	31.	17.	25.	30.	Snow & hail 2 inches. cloudy.	N.E; S.E.
		664.	961	776		

Temperature

At Sunrise $21\frac{13}{31}$
At 1 P.M. 31
At 9 P.M. $25\frac{1}{31}$

} average $25^{\circ}\frac{76}{93}$.

December has been about 6 degrees colder than last year. Yet it has been generally a comfortable month and much sleighing on a thin covering of snow and ice.

December, 1858.

Wednesday 1st.
A fair, cold day. Sleighs & waggons run.

Thursday 2.
Took tea at Chauncey Clark's with Elizabeth and Peninnah.

Friday 3.
Thawy and muddy.

Saturday 4. Cold.

Sunday 5.
Hail & sleet 1/4 inch deep came in yesterday & last night. A little sleet added to day, and all is hard and slippery. Limbs of trees full of ice.
I did not attend meeting. The going is too slippery.

Monday 6.
Pleasant & thawy. Ice all fell from the trees. Sleighs are plenty on the hard covering of hail, &c.
Were here at tea and in the evening — Mr. Silsbee and wife and her mother, Mrs [illegible] & daughter Anne — Mr Whitmarsh & wife and Miss Roxana Hubbard.

Tuesday 7.
Pretty good sleighing.

Wednesday 8.
Sleighs are brisk, though some spots are almost bare.

Thursday 9
Elizabeth, Lovey's son J.W. left us this forenoon having been here since Nov. 24
She to pay Arethusa for Peninnah's dress, &c. $6.15.
We paid her — as follows —

Washing, Cook &c.	1.00
2 prs Stockings of Stoddard	.50
I paid her money	2.65
Peninnah paid her money	2.00
	$6.15.

Fine sleighing. A hard icy bottom.
Hadley History p. 305 to 312 printed to-day

Friday 10
Fine sleighing. At widow of Rohan Clark's. near night.

Saturday 11.

Sunday 12
I attended meeting A.M. & P.M. Mr Tuttle preached
Good sleighing yet on a thin icy covering.

Monday 13.
A little sprinkling P.M. made it slippery every where. Some roads in ~~cutting~~.

December, 1858

Tuesday 14
I did not go down town ystday and to day. Very Slippery

Wednesday 15
Thermy. Sleighing getting poorer.
I went down town to-day

Thursday 16
At Widow of Bohan Clark's P.M. for information about lower part of South Hadley

Friday 17
Young people at skating merrily on mill pond and on Connecticut. Sleighing not good

Saturday 18
Pennmah is among the skates.
Very cold day, but bright & clear — much the coldest we have had.

Sunday 19
Therm. down to 4° this morning. I attended meeting A.M. and P.M. Mr Ayres of Hadley preached.
I was at Mr Sibbee's in the evening.

Monday 20
Walked to Hadley P.M. Called at Dr. Woodbridge's South Ayres's & Mr. Sylvester Smiths. Came home in evening. Mr. Smiths son brought me to the bridge. Thermy but not bad walking in the road.

Tuesday 21.
Very unpleasant day.
Snow and hail increased 3/4 of an inch.

Wednesday 22
Pretty good sleighing again

Thursday 23.

Friday 24
Fine sleighing — seldom is it better.
~~Saturday 25~~
Walked to Hadley P.M. Brought home some town books.

Saturday 25
Good sleighing and many out.

Sunday 26. I staid at home

Monday 27.
Tuesday 28
Wednesday 29 Went to Hadley P.M.
Thursday 30 Pretty good sleighing yet. some spots of ground
Friday 31. 2 inches of snow & hail.

December. 1858

Eatables, Wood, &c for 1858

Wood 7 cords at 5$. and 50 cents more	$35.50
Sawing all & splitting and piling some, & other labor on wood (Wood may be a little too much.)	7.33
	42.92
Sugar 163 lbs — average 9 cents per lb. 19 lbs more @ 2	16.67.
Molasses. 5 3/4 Gallons @ 45, 2.58. 1 Gal Maple 75c.	3.33
Tea — 8 lbs, average 55c	4.40
Coffee. 14 lbs. ground at 19c	0.76
Cocoa, prepared. 3 1/2 lbs @ 25	0.88
Whale Oil, 2 1/2 gallons at 1.00.	2.50
Kerosene Oil 6 1/2 quarts at 1.25 Gal.	2.04
Fluid — 4 3/4 Gallons at 70c	3.33
Butter 98 lbs at 22c	21.56
Cheese 31 lbs. 10 to 13c; average 11 1/2c	3.98
Lard — 33 lbs 12 to 15c. (part poor) average 13 1/2c	4.46
Potatoes 3 1/4 bushels, 60 cts to 1.00. (small quantities)	2.44
Sweet Potatoes, about 3 cts per lb.	0.98
Apples 4 1/2 bushels 4.50. 4 1/2 bushels 3.50	8.00
Soap 60 lbs. poor — at 6c	3.60
Milk 287 quarts at 5c	14.35
Eggs — 18 doz average 15c	2.70
	138.50

Flour & meal

465 lbs	Wheat Flour, average 4 1/2 cts.	19.20
65 "	Indian Meal, most of it bolted, average 2.7 mills	1.75
84 "	Graham meal — average 4c.	3.36
19 "	Buckwheat flour @ 3c	0.57
46 "	Rye flour — @ 3c	1.38
9 "	Crackers — @ 8c average	0.72
12 "	Rice — @ 5	0.60
700		27.58

Meat & Fish

19 lbs	salts Pork @ 12c	2.28.
9 lbs	fresh do @ 8c	0.72
139 lbs	Beef 6c to 12 1/2c, average 9 2/5 cts much of it steak for wife, &c	13.07
20 lbs	Veal, cheap pieces @ 5c	1.00
10 1/4 lbs	Ham at 14 cts	1.44
2 lbs	Sausages @ 12c	0.24
5 1/2 lbs	smoked Halibut @ 11c	0.60
21 lbs	dry Codfish @ 5c	1.05
9 lbs	3 shad 36. 25. 25 cts / mackerel 10c	0.90
6 1/2 lbs	Fowls @ 12c	0.75
241		22.05

$188.13

January 1859

Jan. 1. Page of Eatables, Wood, &c for 1859.
Bought in Nov. & Dec. 1 cord oak $5. 150 feet hemlock at 3.50. $4.10. Beech 130 & 106 feet at 4.50. $8.30.
all 4 cords 2 feet, cost $17.40. Sawing 2.67. Splitting 33¢ = 20.40
Have about this quantity on hand Jan. 1. though not the same wood in part — perhaps a little more in all. ½ cord pronny trees $1.17
Jan 18. 152 feet wood of E. Bartlett at 4.50 $5.34. Sawing & splitting
20 S. Edwards 110 feet. 25. 120 feet. 26th 135 feet. Sawing & splitting $3.70 $1.06.
Feb 8 do 145 feet. paid (4 loads 4 cords wanting 9 ft) Piling &c. 2.90.
Dec 12. 96 feet Willow wood. 1.69. sawing 69¢. Dec 14. 1 cord $5 paid. Sawing 75

Sugar — on hand 13 lbs at 9¢. 11½ lbs 6/. W. Feb 4. 11½ lbs 6/ W. Mch 19. 12½ lbs 6/ W. May 10
May 24. 9¾ lbs 6/. W. 11½ lbs June 14. 6/. W. 12 lbs & 9¾ lbs 12/. W. July 18. 23 lbs 12/ W. Aug 8
Aug 8. 5½ lbs 6/. W. Sept 14. 16 lbs 8/. W. 12½ lbs S.L.P. 6/. pd Oct 4. 1 lb 12¢ T.
Nov 28. 12 lbs 12/. W.

Molasses on hand 1 pint. 1 Gal. W. Feb 4. 1 G. 50 W. Mch 19. 1 Gal 50 May 11. W. 1 G. 50 July 6. W
1 Gal 48¢ Th. aug 31. Syrup 17¢ T. 1 Gal 50. W. Nov

Tea on hand ¾ lb. 37½¢. 1 lb W. Jan. 27. Feb. 25 1 lb 50. 1 lb April 29 W. ¾ lb 37½¢ paid June 21
½ W. Dec. 1. 1 lb S.C.P. paid July 5¢. 2 lbs July 21 paid 50¢ 1 lb Sept 20 paid 50¢. 1 lb 50 Oct 23
1 lb 50¢ pd. Nov 22 ¢ 1 lb pd. Dec 29. 60¢

Coffee ½ lb. 1 lb W. 2 lbs W. at 18. 1 lb W. 23 Aug 12. 1 lb T. 21. Aug 18. 1 lb W. Sept.
Cocoa 1 lb 25. 1 lb 25¢. 12 W. Oct 26. 23¢

Whale Oil 2 qts 25¢. 25. 1 qt. Mch 19 W. 1 qt ap. 24 W. 1 Gal. W. 88¢. June 4. 1 G.
1 qt. 25 1 qt 2. T. Dec 18. 1 qt 21¢ W

Kerosene Oil 2 qts 88¢. Mch 16. 1 quart T. Oct 31. 1 qt W. Dec 21. 2 qts pd. 55¢

Fluid near 1 Gal 70¢. 1 Gal 70¢ Jan. 29. W. 1 G. 75 Mch 19 W. 1 G. June 23 W. 75¢
1 G. Sept 14 70¢ W. 1 Gal 70¢ Oct 20. W. 1 Gal. Nov 22 W. 1 Gal. W. Dec

Butter on hand 3 lbs 22¢; 7½ lbs on Jan $1.65; 5 13/16 lb. 1.28 in Feb. 5 11/16 in Mch. 1.25
in April 7 15/16 lbs $1.75. in May 7 15/16 lbs 1.74. June & July 20 lbs 10¾ @ 22¢ $4.54
in August 14½ lbs. 3.19. in Sept 10 lbs 10¾. $2.34. in Oct & Nov 15 lbs 5¾ 22¢. 3.37.
in Dec. 3 lbs 14¾. 85 cents.

Cheese 2 11/16 lbs. 1¾ lbs T. Aug 12. 1 11/16 lbs. T. 2 lbs T. 1 3/16 at 12½ paid. 14¾. 10¢ pd. 1 6/16 12¢ T.

Lard on hand 7 lbs @ 14¢; April 29. 25½ lbs at 15¢ pd $3.82
sold 3 lbs

Wheat flour 7 lbs 4½¢ 33¢. ½ bbl 98 lbs $4.38. Jan 17. ½ bbl $5.12. May 24. paid June 29
6 lbs Th. Aug 13. 49 lbs of do aug 31. 2.16¢ 49 lbs of do 2.06 paid Nov 8.

Indian meal 5 lbs at 2½¢. 12 lbs. 8½ lbs. 12 lbs. 12 lbs. Aug 10. 6 lbs 2½¢. 7 lbs 3

Buckwheat flour 7 lbs poor (given away). 6 lbs 20¢; 6 lbs 21¢. 11 lbs 33¢. 4 lbs 14¢. 4 lbs 28¢

Rye flour 33⅓ lbs $1.00. 36 lbs. 65¢. 33 lbs May. 65¢. 7 lbs aug 8. 23¢. 33 lbs 65¢. Nov 8 33 lbs 65¢. Aug 18
Graham flour 6 lbs 28¢. 5 lbs 25¢. 6 lbs 30¢. 6 lbs 30¢. 6 lbs 22¢.
Beans 16¢. 75¢.

Pork, salted 7 lbs @ 12¢. April 29. 26½ lbs @ 12¢ pd & salt 7¢ $3.25

Beef 2 lbs 11¢. 4 lbs. 4¼ lbs. 10¢. 7¼ lbs. 12½¢. 2¾ lbs. 10¢. 4½ lbs. 6¢. 2¾ lbs. 14¢. 1 lb. 8¢. 5½ lbs at 9¢ T not 4½¢ 8¢ 2½¢ 28
1 lb 4 lbs of Hind Q. at 5 times at 9¢. 1.97. pd July 28. 3 lbs 4¼ lbs 12½ T. 3¼ at 8¢ 11¢
2½ lbs T. 3 lbs T. at 9¢ Aug 31. 3½ at 12½ pd. 5 lbs 37 lbs 2½ at 12½ & 5 at 9¢ T. 2½ lbs 30¢ pd. 2¾ lbs T. 3¼ lbs
Veal 4 lbs at 8¢. 3 lbs T. 3¼ lbs 8¢ T. 1¼ at 15¢ 3 3/4 09 Lamb 3½ lbs 7 of Hind Quar 44. 5 lbs 50. H. Aug 10 5.50

1 Shad 28. 25. 25. 25. 25. 25. 25. Sausages 2½ lbs. 2 lbs Dried beef 16

Codfish fresh 2 lbs 10¢. Dried 3 lbs 16¢. Smoked Halibut 1 lb at 11¢ 52¢. 3½ lbs 11 2¾ 11¢
dry 2¼ T. 13¢. do 1½ at 11¢ T. 2 lbs pd. 22¢.

Soups — more than a box. say 75 lbs 1 lb 10¢

Potatoes on hand 3 pecks. 1 bushel of S. Edwards Feb. 8. 1 peck 22¢. 1 peck 11. 8. 9
peck of new. 20¢ do 15. ½ bushel 25¢. ½ do. 40¢. Sweet do 8¢. 12¢. 22¢. 22 T. 22 T. ½ lb. 5. 5
Apples on hand 3¾ bushels. tasted 1 bu. latter part of May. New ones 13, 10. 10

Eggs — some packed in May or June; 15 doz in May. 2.19. (9 doz at 15. 6 doz 14

Rice 3½ lbs on hand 35¢. 2 lbs at 6¢. 2 lbs ground rice W. 3 lbs at 6¢ W.

Crackers 2 lbs at 8¢; 5 lbs at 6¢; 1 lb at 6¢ 2 lbs 8¢ 1 lb Soda C. 10¢ W. + 1 lb + 1 lb + 1 lb
1 lb 10¢ W. 1 lb 10¢ W. ½ lb 15¢ 1 lb 10¢ W

January 1859

Money matters. Receipts

Jan 1.	Balance on 203 a page		$16.27.
	5.	October Dividend at Northampton Bank	40.00
	26	Dividend on Boston & Prov. Rail Road.	30.00
March	5.	2 Genealogies to Silas Judd $1.00	1.00
	11.	2 Genealogies to Harwood L. Judd 1.00	1.00
April	5	Cash of Mr Jewett $9. Interest & 16¢ on another note	25.00
	9.	Dividend at Greenfield Bank 4 percent	60.80
		Butter 9 lbs 11¢ also 6¢	1.05
	21.	Interest of George Shepard on his notes	30.96
			$204.40

Expenditures

Jan 1.		Post Office box 13¢ Tobacco to fumigate plants 5¢	$0.18
	3.	Paid Wood & Kingsley, balance of acct for 1858	10.23.
	5	Cheese 12¢ Esquires 15¢ Butting Hooks for dec. r. $1.70	2.07
	5.	Mrs Jewetts Milk from Oct 1. to Jan 1. 69¾ qts @ 5¢.	3.49
	5.	Fish codfish 10¢ Wheat flour 33¢ almanac 6¢	0.49
	6	Hamp Gaz. for self & Jane from Oct. 1. 1858 to Jan 1. 1860.	3.75
		of Trumbull & Peet.	
	6.	Hamp Gaz and Hopkins & Co for Jane to Oct 1. 1858.	1.50
	"	Book account of Hopkins & Co 50¢. Postage 7¢.	0.57
	8.	Mending Shave, dear Clark 40¢ Beef 22¢ bridge &c 13¢.	0.75
	15.	11 Stamps 33¢ large stamp 10¢. Envelopes 5¢. Ink powder 10¢. Chewg.	0.67.
		Beef 20¢. Horse & sleigh to Hadley 40¢. bridge toll 4¢	0.64.
	19	Beef 14¢. ½ bbl flour of W. & K $4.37. bag of Salt of S.C.	4.79
	21.	Sawing & splitting wood 1.17. qt oil 25¢. Buckwheat flour 20¢	1.62
	25	Beef 18¢. Cheese 14¢. Sawing & splitting $1.00. Hunting horn 6¢	1.38
			32.13
Feb 1.		Beef 28¢. Sausage 16¢. Pins $1.36. Bridge 3¢. Crackers 16¢	1.99
	7	7½ lbs Butter 22¢ $1.65. Alcohol 13¢. broom 17¢. Pepper 21	2.16
	14	Beef 18¢. Sausages 12¢. Cocoa 25¢. Indian meal 36¢. Buckwheat 11¢	1.12
		Renewal of execution 40¢. Laudanum 6¢. Beans 16¢.	0.62
	16	Sawing & splitting $3.06. Beef 34¢. Oil 25. mustard 8¢. Beef 17.	3.90
			41.92
March	4.	Stamps 44¢. Beef 64¢. Halibut 17¢. Butter 1.28. Rye flour 12th 1.00.	3.53
	9	Trimming grape vines 50¢. 12th Halibut 35¢. Beef 35¢.	1.25
	15.	Washboard of Stockwell & Co 30¢. Kerosene Oil 88¢. Yeast 3¢.	1.31.
	25.	Crackers 12¢. Buckwheat flour 33¢ Crossing river 20¢.	0.65
	28.	Beef 59¢. Post Office box, &c. 15¢ omitted 13¢.	0.87
			49.43
April	2.	Temple piling wood &c $2.00. Butter 1.25¢ beans 75¢.	4.00
	5.	Beef 28¢. 8 lbs flour for paste 32¢. 3 Dz Crackers 18¢.	0.78
	5	Mrs Jewett, milk from Jan 1 to April 1, 51¾ qts @ 5¢	2.59
	9	Paid Metcalf for 20 reams paper at $3.22. $64.40.	56.80
		Freight 144¢ — discount for pay before due 1.61. 1.17.	63.—
	11	Paid to Edard & Lincoln's bill $11.20. Beef 31¢.	11.51.
	15	Halibut 16¢ Shad 25¢ Indian meal 25¢	0.66
	16	L. Clark for Manure $2. 18th 1 shad 25¢	2.25
	18	Wife 38¢. 19th Irishman cutting maple &c. 1.25	1.63
	20	Unmack, gardening &c. 2 days @ 2.50. Shaking carpet 10¢.	2.60
	20	Garden seeds 7¢. 21. Irishman on maple tree &c 80¢.	0.07.
	21	Yeast 3¢. Crackers 24¢. Shad 25¢ omitted 6¢.	0.58
	21.	Paid Metcalfs town and printing History	30.00.
	28	J. P. Strong White washing 75¢. Field 16 rolls paper 3.66.	4.41.
	"	Smoked Halibut 19¢. Envelopes 6¢. Ferry 8¢. Shoe 8¢	0.41
	"	Paid Prentice for painting & graining 3.58.	3.58
	29	Thayer & Co Pork and Lard $7.07. Bean poles 14¢	7.21
May	2	Carried to page 237, the balance of	18.55
			$204.40

January 1859.

Thermometer

		Sunrise.	1 P.M.	9 P.M.		
Saturday	1	30.	40.	32.	Cloudy. Thawed some.	N.W. &c.
Sunday	2	25.	33.	21.	Fair & pleasant.	N.E.
	3.	13.	24.	20	Cloudy & cold — —	N.E.
	4.	19.	27.	27.	Snowed last night & all day.	N.E.
	5.	27.	36.	26.	Fair & pleasant. Thawed some	Southerly in part.
	6.	20.	39.	29.	Fair & pleasant. Thawed more.	Southerly in part.
	7	33.	40	35	Some snow & rain in night and rain in forenoon, very gentle. P.M. Cloudy.	N.E.
	8	20.	20.	7.	Clear off in night. High wind. Day fair and cold.	N.W
Sund	9. below 0.	9.	15. below 0.	2.	Very cold, fair day — — —	
	10. below 0.	10. below 0.	7 below 0.	15	Fair, but coldest of days	N. N.E
	11. below 0.	19	4. below 0.	8.	Cloudy & coldest day Snowed 2 inches — light	N. & N.E
	12 below 0.	7.	13.	9.	Cloudy. cold. 1 inch light snow	N.E.
	13 —	12.	30.	22.	Cloudy	S. E. & S.
	14.	25.	34.	34	Cloudy. Gentle rain P.M. and in the night	N.E.
	15.	33.	39.	32.	Cloudy. Drizzly. some fog.	N. & S.
Sund	16.	28.	33.	24.	Fair. Windy	S.E.
	17.	26.	42.	34.	Mostly Cloudy. Thawed some.	S.E.
	18.	14.	30.	20	mostly fair. cold.	N. & N.E
	19.	24.	42.	21.	Mostly fair. mild.	S.E. &c
	20	12.	33.	34.	Mostly fair & pleasant Thawy night.	Southerly
	21.	40.	45.	36	Cloudy. Began to rain at 12. Gentle rain P.M & evening	Southerly.
	22	32.	42.	27	Cloudy. Thawy.	
Sund	23.	8	18.	11	Fair, bright & cold.	N.W. &c
	24.	3.	27.	19.	mostly Cloudy. Some fair.	S.E. &c
	25.	17.	35.	28.	mostly clear. some cloudy.	S.E. &c
	26.	19.	44.	28.	Mostly clear. Thawy.	N.W. &c.
	27	16.	36	32	Mostly Cloudy. Thawy. 4 inches snow fell in night	S.W. &c.
	28.	32.	34.	31	Rainy most of day. Deep slosh.	N.E &c
	29.	31.	40.	34.	Cloudy. Little drizzle. Same slosh. Various	Southerly
Sund	30.	30.	32.	21.	Fair & bright. Windy Am.	N.W.
	31.	8.	31.	17	Fair & bright. Cold — —	N.E. &c
		558.	943.	686		

Temperature

At Sunrise — 18°
At 2 P.m. — $30\frac{13}{31}$
At 9 P.m. — $22\frac{4}{31}$

Average $23°\frac{48}{93}$

Colder than last year but not extremely cold, except a few days. Good sleighing nearly all the month.

January. 1859.

Saturday 1st.

The year begins with a good foundation of solid snow and ice — but it is thin in places. Yesterdays snow and hail is about 2 inches, crusted over, & under it is thick ice and some spots of ground. Sleighs & sleds run well now. The skating is spoiled for the present. It thawed some P.M.

Sunday 2d.

Fine day & fine sleighing — thawed very little. I was at ~~Church~~ A.M. not P.M. The sleighing could not be better.

Monday 3d.

Fine sleighing, but weather unpleasant.

Tuesday 4.

The snow began last night & continued most of the day. I think as much as 10 inches fell — perhaps more. Did not drift much. Sleighs ran; not so plenty as common. Rail Road cars from S. not in at sunset. Usually here about 2½ P.M.

Wednesday 5.

A fine, mild day. No blowing of snow. Good sleighing after the way is broken & trodden a little.

Thursday 6.

Another fine & mild day. Fine sleighing.

Friday 7.

A drizzling rain last night & A.M. & the mild weather made the snow soft, and the side paths wet, and in some places sloshy, between here and the center. The snow has settled some, but not much water has run from it. The streams cannot be much affected as yet. Sleighs are plenty.

Saturday 8.

Cold. Roads & paths hard & icy. A soled foundation for sleighing. Sleighs are abundant. Sister Josephine came from Springfield P.M.

Sunday 9.

A great change since Friday. Thermometer 9 degrees below 0, this morning. Yet we are all comfortable. I did not attend meeting. Severely cold, still day.

Monday 10

Still very cold. Thermometer at 10 below 0 after sunrise; 8 below 0 at 12. 7 below 0 at 1. 6 below 0 at 2. 12 below 0 at 6. 15 below 0 at 9 — Such a cold day does not occur once in many years. The temperature from sunrise to 9 P.M. averaged 10⅔ below 0. It was colder in lower part of village. I went down at 4 — rode most of the way. Air keen & cutting.

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Tuesday 11.
Coldest morning for two years. Ther. 19 below 0 a little before sunrise. Colder down town. That was 21° below O. January 24. 1857 — Continued below 0 all day. About as cold as yesterday — average from sunrise till 9 o'clock, 10⅓° below O. 2 inches of light snow fell to-day

Wednesday 12
Thermometer at 1° above zero this morning, and at zero at 8 o'clock. The mercury has been below 0 for 5½ hours certainly, all the time, and perhaps 60 hours. A very rare occurrence.

Thursday 13.
More moderate. I rode to Hadley P.M. Those I wished to see were gone to a meeting, & I returned.

Friday 14
Some rainy P.M. Snow grew soft.

Saturday 15
Miss Irene left us to-day for Westhampton. Thawy & drizzly. Snow soft, but travelling not very bad. Some water in the paths. Some fog.

Sunday 16
It cleared off in the night & the wind blew. I did not attend meeting.

Monday 17
I received of Isaac Sheldon for Interest on Frances's Note, on Saturday $40 — viz 19.50 for interest to June 18. 1858; 19.50 for interest to Dec 18 1858 75 cts, for interest on these sums to Jan. 15. 1859. — and 25 cents more — $40
I paid to-day $4.50 to Kirkland, for Frances's insurance, and $35.50 to Frances herself — making $40.
Went to Hadley P.M. Those I wished to see were not at home.

Tuesday 18.
Went to Hadley again — people that I went to see were again absent. I came right home having been gone but little over two hours.

Elihu Bartlett Jr brought a load of oak wood 152 feet at $4.50. $5.34. He brought a load last year $5.00
He has had the use of my land in Westhampton 1857. and 1858 — I was to allow for last year $7.00
" " 2 years 5.62
Has paid $10.34 and owes me $2.28, say $2 — $12.62
used land 1859. $2 — $4.00
1860. Jan. 22. 1½ Cord wood 5.62. Cash 38¢ 6.00 balanced 6.00
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January 1859.

Wednesday 19.
Mr. Smith of Hadley came here today, as I could not find him in Hadley when I went over.
Peninnah went down to Springfield at 11 o. clock A.M. to assist Irene in packing her things for removal to Northampton. Irene has hired part of Mr Woods house next N.W. of my house.

Thursday 20.

Friday 21.
Peninnah & Irene come up P.M. Two loads of furniture, &c. came about sunset, & were unloaded at the Woods. Rainy P.M. & evening. Much water running in the streets. Old icy foundation remains.

Saturday 22

Sunday 23.
I did not attend meeting.

Monday 24.
Fine sleighing. Hard icy foundation. Girls are again out skating.

Tuesday 25.

Wednesday 26

Thursday 27

Friday 28
Four inches of snow fell last night and it has rained almost all day; and the snow is all filled with water — deep slosh every where.

Saturday 29
Cloudy & some drizzle — snow not so full of water as yesterday, but not much difference.

Sunday 30
Clear weather. Roads & paths very rough. I went over to Mr Woods A.M. to see how Irene got along, and slipped down on the steps as I did in Boston many years since & hurt my side.

Monday 31.
Clear & cold and excellent sleighing.
Apphia Smith came P.M.

February 1859

Thermometer

		Sunise.	1 P.M.	9 P.M.		
Tuesday	1	15.	37.	31.	Partly fair. partly cloudy.	N.E. round to S.W.
	2	24.	34.	22.	Cloudy.	N. and N.E.
	3	18.	23.	22.	Snowed in night. Snowed A.M. all day.	N.E.
	4	24.	40.	30.	Some fair, more cloudy. Thawdsome.	N.W. &c
	5.	15.	35.	15.	Fair & pleasant	
Sund	6.	8.	29.	26.	Cloudy. 1 inch of snow in evening.	N.E.
	7	21.	31.	11	Fair & pleesant	
	8	16.	36.	27	Cloudy.	Southerly &c.
	9	31.	40.	35.	Cloudy & some rain day & evening.	
	10.	32.	29.	13.	Fair & turned cold.	
	11.	7.	22.	17.	partly fair. Some cloudy in night & a little snow.	
	12	15.	27.	13.	Partly fair some cloudy	
Sund	13.	1.	25.	12	partly fair. some cloudy.	
	14.	12.	33	22.	Fair & pleasant	N.W. &
	15.	24	38.	35.	Cloudy. Little rain P.M.	N.E: S.
	16.	33.	46.	31.	Foggy A.M. Fair P.M. Thawy.	N.W. &
	17.	23.	48.	33.	Fair A.M. hazy P.M. Thawy.	N.E. & S.E.
	18.	32.	42.	31.	Cloudy. Little snow & drizzle. Thawy.	N.E
	19.	28.	42.	34.	Foggy A.M. Cloudy P.M.	Thawy N.E: S.E.
Sund	20.	34	42.	40.	Cloudy and some rain. Thawy. High wind all night	
	21.	26.	36.	26.	Fair with clouds. High wind all day.	N.W.
	22.	14.	39.	34	Fair & pleasant. Thawy.	N.W.
	23.	30.	50.	33.	Fair & mild. Thawy	
	24.	33.	46.	25	Some rain A.M. Fair P.M. Thawy	
	25.	15.	22.	15.	Some fair. some cloudy. Cold & unpleasant.	N.E
	26.	16.	18.	14.	Snowed most of day. 5 inches	N.E
Sund	27.	8.	37.	35	Fair & pleasant. Thawy.	Southerly &
	28.	33.	40.	30	Fair & pleasant. Thawy	N.W. &

February 1859.

Tuesday 1st.
The month begins with good sleighing and a hard, icy foundation. Snow covers the ground every where, to some depths, but the crust does not quite bear. Snow not very deep - perhaps 8 inches or more.
Blue jays are noisy. Chickadees are about most days. I hear crows, but they do not congregate near here.

Wednesday 2
Walked rode to Hadley & back P.M. Went to Mayor Smiths & Mr Gaylord's.
Sleighing is excellent. There is much ice & many Hadley boys are skating, but no Hadley girls skate.

Thursday 3.
I am lame to day, my side troubles me when I hunt one on Sunday — Snowed last night and A.M. and some hail — 6 inches fell, I think.

Friday 4
Fine sleighing continues. Yesterday's snow has not blown much. Pleasant to day.

Saturday 5
Apphia Smith left us for Westhampton

Sunday 6
I am still lame when I hunt my side; Cannot do much of any thing. Have not been down town since Wednesday

Monday 7

Tuesday 8

Wednesday 9.
Rainy. Snow soft and wet.

Thursday 10

Friday 11
At Mr Selbee's in the evening with Pensinnah
A great sleigh ride to Deerfield P.M. Came home at 2 A.M. 12th

Saturday 12
Excellent sleighing in every direction.

Sunday 13.
I did not attend meeting. Have not been down town for a week, on account of my side. They have been painting the pews & doing other things in the Edwards church, and there has been no preaching for 3 Sabbaths including to day.

February 1859.

Monday 14.
I walked down to the centre to day, after having been at home more than a week.

Tuesday 15.
I had tooth ache all night. slept very little.

Wednesday 16.
Thawy. Water runs briskly in the road. and sleighs are very plenty.

Thursday 17.
A total eclipse of the moon this morning
Thawy day.

Friday 18.
Rode to Hadley P.M. with Clara Allen. She returned. I remaind and came home after sunset on foot. I visited the burying ground, Dr. Woodbridge's, Town Clark's and Mayor Sylvester Smiths. I travelled at least 5 miles on foot in bad walking.
Thawy.

Saturday 19.
Still thawy — wet walking. Sleighs still go abundantly
I looked into Edwards Chunks, to see the painting, carpeting, stuffing of the backs, new fashions, &c.

Sunday 20.
Still thawy & some rain & much water. Pretty good sleighing. I did not attend meeting. Mr Hall preached after 3 Sundays without preaching.

Monday 21
There was a violent wind all last night and all of this day. After the rains and thaws, the hidden places are all covered with ice and the crust is icy. I got down town and back A.M. with some difficultty.
I was at Mrs. Isaac Clark's in Evening with a pretty good party.

Tuesday 22
Thawy. Water in Streets.

Wednesday 23.
Thawy. Warmest day this winter. Water plenty.

Thursday 24.
Some rain A.M. Water runs. — After some delay, pages 313 to 328 of History of Hadley were printed to day.

Friday 25.

Saturday 26. Snowed 5 inches.
Sunday 27. I staid at home.
Monday 28
Thawy & sloppy. very wet.

March 1859.

Thermometer

		Sunrise.	1 P.M.	9 P.M.	
Tuesday	1	18	21.	14	Fair & bright. cold. some windy. S.W.
	2.	4.	26.	14.	Fair & bright. not so cold. N. & N.W.
	3.	1.	32.	25.	Cloudy. Snow towards night and during the night — 10 inches
	4.	26.	42	29.	Hazy. sunshine & clouds. Thawy.
	5.	26.	49	36.	Fair & thawy. Water plenty.
Sund	6.	34.	46.	32.	Fair & thawy. Water very plenty
	7.	19.	44.	36	Fair & thawy. much rain in night
	8.	35.	37.	32	Cloudy. and some rain. Going bad as usual.
	9.	31.	39.	29.	Fair. Thawy.
	10	19.	44	32.	Fair & bright. Thawy.
	11.	22.	50.	38.	Cloudy. Thawy.
	12.	36.	51.	40.	Cloudy. Foggy & a little rain S.W
Sund	13.	30.	54.	35.	Fair. some hare. Warm.
	14.	27.	53.	40.	Some fair; some cloudy. Warm some rain in night
	15.	41	49.	39	Rainy. Foggy. Water very plenty Windy night.
	16.	35.	44.	36.	Fair.
	17	29.	52	43.	Fair
	18.	38.	49.	50.	Rainy day. Windy night
	19	44.	44.	36.	Cloudy & windy. Windy night
Sund	20.	31.	42.	33	½ clear. windy.
	21.	26.	48	40.	Fair & pleasant
	22.	35.	53.	37	Cloudy A.M. Rainy P.M. S.
	23.	34.	47.	38.	mostly fair.
	24.	29.	49.	40	mostly cloudy. Little rain P.M. Rain in night.
	25.	38	48.	38.	Rainy most of day - gently.
	26.	35	40.	33	mostly cloudy
Sund	27	27.	46.	40.	mostly cloudy. N. E & E.
	28.	36.	56.	44	mostly clear.
	29.	39.	47.	45.	Cloudy A.M. Rainy P.M.
	30.	36.	52.	36.	Fair & pleasant.
	31	34.	49.	34	Pt fair. pt cloudy. squally Highwind in the night

 March 10. 1859.

Tuesday 1.
A good body of snow on the ground, though not very deep. In the paths, there is a hard bottom of ice, and the sledding and sleighing are good. Very little thawing to-day, though a bright sun.

Wednesday 2.
Therm. at 4° this morning. But few so cold mornings this winter. Day pleasant. Sleighing good.

Thursday 3.

Friday 4.
It snowed last night and before night, 9 or 10 inches, to appearance apparently heaviest snow this winter. Thaws to day, and it will not blow.

Saturday 5.
Warm, thawy day. Snow full of water in the road.
Maple Sugar made this year is for sale here.

Sunday 6.
Very bad going, there is so much water in the road. I remained at home

Monday 7

Tuesday 8

Wednesday 9. Heard blue birds.
They were on Round Hill two days ago
My grape vines trimmed to-day.
Still thawy and roads full of water.
There are some bare spots but in general the earth is covered with snow in the village, and every where around

Thursday 10

Friday 11.
Robins heard to-day

Saturday 12
Robins & blue birds make some noise though the earth is covered with snow, and generally to some depth. The bare spots are in the roads and about buildings and not many of these.

March 1859

Sunday 13.
Thawy and water plenty. Most go in sleighs, but a few wheels are seen. I did not attend meeting. Robins, bluebirds song sparrows are heard. Robins now & then have a regular song.

Monday 14
Rain and warm weather make much water, and the snow dissolves, but there is a body of hard ice at the bottom almost every where, which goes off very slowly. Most of the region around is covered with snow, which seems to rest on ice.

Tuesday 15
Much rain fell. The streets full of water

Wednesday 16
The streams are breaking up, and the ice on them does damage. A part of Northampton bridge on the east side was carried away to day. Also a part of the dam at the lower mill.

Thursday 17.
I saw to day in my garden, which is almost covered with snow, a butterfly, and in my wood yard fireflies, and bees! — Blackbirds are here to day — have probably been on the low lands sometime.

Friday 18.
Rainy day. Water increasing.

Saturday 19.
Windy & cloudy. The water is high on the meadow, & is rising. There is a large flood — Background appears in every direction — on the hills & valleies, and on the Mountains.

Sunday 20
windy. I went to meeting A.M. Mr Hall preached

Monday 21.
There is a great flood on the meadow and the dike below maple street has been in danger. The water began to fall in the course of the day. Mill river has forced its way round Damon's mill-dam, and runs on the west side, having carried away the ice-house, where most of the ice was deposited, which was to supply the village next summer

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Tuesday 22

Wednesday 23.

Thursday 24

The walking down to the conbe is tolerably good.
Something called an opera exhibited this evening

Friday 25

Saturday 26

Sunday 27

I went to meeting A.M. Mr Headley of Greenfield preached. I sat in Pew No 11 for the first time this year. It is the same I sat in last year. I and Irene take half the pew. Whole pew $31.25.

Monday 28

I walked to Hadley P.M. Crossed the river in a small boat and paid ten cents each way. Patty bridge gone. Walked up to Rev. D. Huntington's two miles north of meeting house, and back. Called at Mr Gaylord's. Saw Dorr Woodbridge. I walked to day from home to Mr Huntingtons, near 5 miles, & back, making 10 miles. or certainly above 9.

Most of the snow is gone from hills around, except north side of Tom & Holyoke, which is considerably whiter. Meadows, homelots & the valley generally are almost bare, except pieces of ice lodged by the flood.

Roads considerably settled; some bad, wet spots.

Elms in N.H. and Hadley have buds much swelled, and the tops are becoming dense.

Red Maples are in the same state — not yet red.

Alders. Some in Hadley have dangling, greenish catkins, 2 or 3 inches long. In general not so forward.

Chickweed in my garden is in blossom — smooth leaf.

Tulips in do. and two inches high or more

Rhubarb begins to show the red tops of large buds.

Dug my parsnips to day. Angle worms plenty about them

Striped snake seen in Hadley, near Mr Huntingtons

Birds.

Four kinds are conspicuous — robins, bluebirds, blackbirds and song sparrow. There are other sparrows and small birds. Those with two white tail feathers seen in the fall, & now here going north.

Damage in Hadley. Much is done in carrying away the bark of the trees. The apple trees & other trees have the bark torn off by the ice from 4 to 6 or 7 feet high. Much ice lodged on the meadow; channle worn in the road beyond the bridge.

Tuesday 29

Wednesday 30

Thursday 31.

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March 5. To Silas Judd, Esq. Perryville, Madison Co. N.Y. and sent two Genealogists. He sent $1.00.
9. To R. D Smith, Esq Guilford, Conn
9 To Samuel C. Jackson, Assistant Librarian at State House, Boston.
11 To G. L. Judd, Attorney at Law, Tonawanda, N.Y. and Genalogy blank
11 To D. D. Patterson, West Winsted, Conn. — a few lines and Genealogy pd
19 To Rev Dan Huntington, Hadley,
19 To Mr Levi Moody, Granby

April 5. To Charles Stearns, Esq. Springfield.
21 To Prof. William Hopkins, Genesee College, Lima N.Y.
22. To Mr A. S. Kellogg, Vernon, Conn.
27 To Hon. Tracy Peck, Bristol, Conn.
May 18 To Mr A. S. Kellogg, Vernon, Conn.
26 To Children at Augusta, Maine.
June 3 To A. S. Kellogg, Vernon, Con. with copies of auto graphs
3 To J. B. Colt, Hartford, Conn.
3 To P. M. Crowbridge Esq. Woodbury, Conn
3 To Lot Ashbel Woodward, Franklin Conn.
6. To J. B. Colt, Hartford Conn.
6 To Noah A. Phelps, Esq. Simsbury, Conn.
6. To S. S. Eastman & Co. Springfield Gazette & Courier. with a catalogue of students in Derby Academy 1804
11. To James Savage, Esq. Lunenburg, Mass.
13 To Prof. F. D Huntington. Cambridge Mass.
17 To Mr Fred. B. Perkins, Librarian of Conn. Hist. Society, Hartford, Conn
29 To Rev. Frederic James, No. 18. South St. City of Newyork,

July 16 To Prof. F. D. Huntington, now at Hadley, with corrections of his Hadley address.

July 19. To Edward I. Judd, now at Binghamton, Broome Co. N.Y. has lived at Romulus.
19 To Prof F. D. Huntington. a few lines. Hadley
19 To Son 6 Parkmon, Reading

Aug. 3. To Henry G. Judd, Vergennes, Vermont, with copy grandson Edwin W. Judd. of Genealogy.
3 To A. S. Kellogg, Vernon, Conn.
3 To Son J. Walker, Brooklyn. N.Y.
16 To Children at Augusta.
31 To Hon Chauncey P. 63 Court St. Boston.

Sept 14 To James Savage Esq. Lunenburg. Mass. in reply to his of 12
Oct. 4 To S. G. Drake, Boston and 24 pp N.E. H. & G. Register
4 To Cousin Samuel Edwards for Apples
Nov. 9 To Wm. Dickinson, M.D. Missouri. St. Louis.
Dec. 17 To Arethusa, at Brooklyn N.Y.
" 29 To H. H. Hurlbut Racine Wisconsin

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April 1859.

Thermometer.

		Sunrise	1 P.M.	9 P.M.		
Friday	1	31.	45.	38.	Fair, with high wind, unpleasant.	
	2	33.	52.	41.	Fair mostly & quiet	
Sund	3.	39.	39.	39	Cloudy. Drizzly. Little rain	N.E
	4	33.	46.	30.	part fair. part cloudy. Windy	
	5	28.	40.	30.	part fair. part cloudy. Windy.	N.W
	6.	26.	42.	33	part fair. part cloudy. Windy.	
	7.	29.	52	38 Fair.	mostly fair. Not pleasant	N.W
	8.	33.	46.	35.	pt fair. mostly cloudy.	Windy N.W
	9.	26.	39.	28	Mostly Fair. Cool & windy.	N.W.
Sun	10.	23.	50.	37.	mostly fair. more mild	S.E.Ve
	11	35.	36.	33.	Rainy & a little snow. cold.	
	12.	34.	56.	45	mostly cloudy. mild	S.E Ve
	13.	40.	60.	51.	Fair & pleasant. warm.	N.E.
	14.	42.	41	35.	Rainy day, mostly. Cool.	S.E.Ve
	15.	31.	55.	45.	Fair & pleasant.	
	16.	42.	46.	38.	Cloudy. Unpleasant	
Sund	17.	32.	56.	38.	Mostly fair.	
	18.	28.	50	38.	Cloudy Partly fair P.M.	
	19.	28.	56.	44.	Fair & pleasant. some clouds.	
	20.	36.	58.	45.	Fair. windy.	N.W.
	21.	34.	62.	47	Fair, pleasant. warm.	
	22.	43.	48.	36	Cloudy. A.M. Rainy P.M & night	
	23.	39	45.	41	Rainy A.M. pt fair P.M.	
Sund	24	37.	49	37.	Fair mostly. windy, unpleasant	N.W.
	25.	36.	54	51.	Fair partly.	
	26.	45.	50.	45	Cloudy A.M. Rainy P.M. & night	
	27.	42.	62.	42	Fair & pleasant, some haze.	
	28.	36.	58.	45	Fair with haze.	N.E.
	29.	32.	66	48.	Fair and pleasant	N.E. & E.
	30	34	72.	52	Fair & pleasant. Dusty.	N.E.
		1027.	1536.	1205		

Temperature

At sunrise · 34 7/30
At 1 P.M. 51. 6/30
At 9 P.M. 40 5/30
} Average 41° 26/30.

Has been considered a cool month. Only 3 degrees colder than last year — not quite that

April 1859.

Friday 1.
The first day of the month is a tedious one to be out in, owing to the high wind.
But few spots of snow are seen, on the low lands and western hills. None on eastern hills. More on the N.W. sides of Tom and Holyoke.
Men are at work on the village highways.

Saturday 2.
Phebe first heard to day. Only 4 sorts of birds heard before — Robins, bluebirds, blackbirds & song sparrows. — and some small birds.
Frogs were heard to peep this evening if I and Peninnah are not mistaken. South of my house.
The season does not differ much from last year.

Sunday 3.
I attended meeting A.M. Mr Hall preached.

Monday 4.
A windy, unpleasant day.

Tuesday 5
Another windy, disagreeable day.

Wednesday 6.
Another windy, unpleasant day.

Thursday 7
State Fast. I attended meeting at the Edwards Church A.M. I saw no appearance of any other meeting. May be there was one at the Baptist or Methodist church. Mr Heck preached in regard to some of the proverbs, maxims and sayings current in society, which he thought had a bad tendency.

Friday 8
Weather still disagreeable, & rather windy

Saturday 9
Weather disagreeable and windy.

Sunday 10
I was at meeting A.M. and P.M. The weather has moderated a little.
After Sunset, visited with Irene the remains of the old saw mill on mill river, that was burnt in the 17th century.

Monday 11
Rainy, cold, unpleasant. Little snow.

Tuesday 12
A mild day.

Wednesday 13.
Warmest day this season.
I walked to Hadley & rode home

April 1859.

Wednesday 13. Continued.

The weather has been such this month that vegetation has made very little progress. yesterday and to day have been a little spring like. In going to Hadley, I noticed some things around.

Snow is in many places on the north side of Holyoke and some spots on western hills. none on eastern hills.

Forests north side of Holyoke, lead color & purplish.

Meadows. Grass is all brown, except here & there a warm slope. Hungrass & clover are beginning to start.

Ploughing in meadows in N. H. & Hadley has not begun. Saw only one plough in motion.

Carting manure into meadows in N. H. has begun — some done before to day. Hardly begun in Hadley

One flood hay made bad work in Hadley meadow. in some places.

Adder Tongue } Have been in blossom some
Trailing Arbutus } days. I am told
Crocus

Birds. Hear no new ones — only robin, blue bird, blackbird, song sparrow & cow bird since April 13. and phebe. Have not heard a lark yet. golden winged woodpecker April 16.

Frogs have been silent during the late cold windy weather. Were quite noisy to day towards night.

Crows are on our meadow & Hadley meadow. Some come from Holyoke & some from this side the river. They often cross the river.

Mezereon is in blossom at Mr Stoddards — may have been out a day or two.

Elms are in blossom, but not far advanced. April 15. the green pedicels, some half an inch long, and the reddish calyx at the end.

Red maples seem to be in blossom, or near it.

Hazel Catkins are dangling & withering.

White poplar catkins are an inch long or more. stiff.

Alder Catkins are dark colored & withered.

Brook Willows are full of catkins, or some are.

Thursday 14. Rainy

Friday 15. A walk in Paradise

Low mousear is blossoming — hardly open.

Liverleaf. Found only one or two blossoms. They are not out. None under maples.

Innocence — none in blossom.

Siberian Spiraea at Mr Woods has leaves 3/4 and 1 inch long.

Lilac leaves are opening. or the buds are opening.

Any weeping Willows have opening leaves

Shad from Saybrook are for sale here, to day at from 25¢ to 42¢. Same 18th.

April 1859.

Saturday 16.

Sunday 17 attended meeting A.M. & P.M. Brother Johnson over.

p. 242. Monday 18. Garden
p. 14. Unmack, a Scotsman, began to make garden
39.
52. Tuesday 19.
153. Unmack again — finished garden, and took
163. up & set out a weeping willow, near where our Irishman cut down a hard maple to day about 20 feet east of my dooryard. It was a large maple, but was dying; more than half of top dead.
Sowed to day beets, parsnips, beets.
Sowed tomatoes and lettuce the 20th.
Lettuce came up in 10 days; beets in 12 days & peas in 13 days.
Parsnips did not come up.
I cleared out [redacted], as I have done in years past.

Wednesday 20

Thursday 21
Warmest day this year.

Friday 22
History of Hadley, pp 345 & 360, printed to day.

Saturday 23.
I have this day reached threescore years and ten. My health has been as good for a year past as in preceding years.

Sunday 24
I attended meeting A.M. and P.M. An agent for and to build churches in the new states, preached A.M. Mr Hall P.M.

Monday 25

Tuesday 26

Wednesday 27.

Walked to Hadley and back, P.M. — walk 7 miles.
Hadley meadow & Homelots have considerable land ploughed, though most of the ploughing is yet to be done. They continue to carry out manure. Many broom corn stalks remain as in the fall, & some have been cut, & burnt.
Gardens in Hadley are not altered much. Some are dug or ploughed and some are not. A few peas & perhaps other things are planted in a few gardens.
Mount Tom has a sunpalish appearance and is not so leaden as it was.
Some grass land in meadows is greenish, but much is brown, or very little green. Homelots are green. Some fields of rye are quite green.

April 1859

Thursday 28. Vegetation.

Red maples are considerably red—and in blossom.

Elms have a tinge of reddish brown, a little altered by green, but the green is not distinct at a little distance. P.S. There is some brownish green

Sugar Maples have swelled buds. Some tops are becoming dense; some not much changed.

Yellow and Weeping Willows, are full of small leaves.

River Poplar, in old tanyard, has red catkins 2 inches long & some more. A few begin to open and swing.

Spiraea sdicifolia is full of green leaves—in Paradise

Barberry bushes have small leaves—in do.

Thimbleberry bushes have open leaves, & the rubi.

Elder leaves are opening.

Common Currant leaves are opening. A few are open.

Innocence flowers are abundant in Paradise. They make some places whitish.

Daffodils have some flowers

Hyacinths & Grape Hyacinths are in blossom

Primula blossoms are plenty

Rhubarb. Mine has some leaves 3 by 4 & 4 by 5. Some plants only show the end of a large bud

Japan Lilies. Pin's have shot up about two inches

Peonies. Some have grown 6 inches.

Japan Quince has small leaves and red buds

Missouri currant & Gooseberry both are quite green with leaves.

Siberian Spiraea is quite green—some leaves 3 or 4 inches long.

Twin Flower has open leaves.

Horse Chestnut & Mountain Ash some trees have opening buds.

Syringa has opening leaves;

Wild Cherry at Mansion House has open leaves

Viburnum Lentago at do. has open, reddish brown leaves.

Trumpet Honeysuckle has leaves an inch long or more

Crab Apple has small leaves.

The brown Thrush began to sing to day—

Then are other new sounds of birds—

Butterfly—I have seen only two or three

Dandelion. One or two blossoms blow in my garden April 29

Abortive Crowfoot has blossoms " " do. April 29

Silver Poplar at Mrs Clark's has catkins 1 inch long April 29

Dandelions are gathered for greens. April 29

Frogs trill for first time, evening of April 29

Friday 29. Warmest day as yet

Saturday 30. Therm. 72°. Warmer yet

Heard swallows several times to day. Did not see them. They were not chimney swallows.

Sugar Maples begin to blossom yesterday. Many out to day

Bloodroot blossoms have been out some days.

Iron wood is in leaf.

The season is only 3 or 4 days behind last year—in some things less.

May 1859

Money Matters. Receipts.

May 2. Balance on 219th page ——— $18.55.
" 4 Rec'd 2 dollars from Appha towards papering rooms 2.00.
June 6. Jane paid towards washing 25¢ & June 13 25¢ ——— 0.50
" 20 Dividend of April at Hampshire Bank ——— 40.00
" 25 Jane paid 25¢ Jane paid for pears 13¢ Jane for washing 25¢ & 25¢ 0.88.
July 11 Dividend on Boston & Providence R. Road from Parkman 30.00
91.93
Aug. 11. Of H.G. Judd. Vigennes, Vt. for 2 Genealogies, self & sister 1.00.
" 26 by John C. Parkman for Washing, girl, &c ——— 3.75
$96.68

Expenditures.

May 2. Beef 27¢ 4th Head Bradley Colson for labor on door yard $1 3/4 2.02
" 5 Paid Ansel Wright & son for 33 lbs rye flour 1.00.
" 7 Paid Mr Jewett for labor & materials for front fence 1.25.
" 10 Garden Seeds 16¢ Graham Flour 28¢ Shad 25¢ 0.69.
" 12 paid Hoxie for Butter $1.75. Garden Seeds 15¢. Matches 10¢ 2.30
" 14 Paid Jond. D. Strong for 15 doz. Eggs (at 14¢ & 15¢) 2.19
" 16 Paid B. Colson for work & doors by yard & garden 2.10
" 16 Hinges, Screws & board for gate & nails 48¢. 0.48
" 19 Files 13. Pills 6¢. Shad 25¢. Yeast 5¢. Graham flour 25¢ 0.74
" 24 Cracked Wheat 10¢. Shad 25¢ omitted 12¢. 0.47
" 26 Stamps 43¢. 12 lbs Indian meal 36¢. Hook & staples 8¢. 0.87
" 27. Gallipot of fig Jam 50¢. Spirits 19¢. Orange 3¢ Clock oil 15¢ 1.20
Beef 28¢. Tobacco for insect 4¢. Sundry 7¢. 15.07.
June 2. Beef 36¢. 2 lbs Rice 12¢. 3/4 lb Tea 38¢ omitted 12¢ 0.98
" 6. Beef 37¢ Cocoa 25¢. Washwoman 50¢. mowing yard 13¢ 1.25.
" 7. Butter $1.74 Fare &c. to Hadley 16¢. Crackers 14¢. 2.04
" 9. Shad 25¢. Graham Meal 30¢. Soda 8¢. Mend'g Pin 15¢ 0.78
" 20 paid for half barrel of flour had of W. & May 24 ——— 5.12
" Washing June 13. 50¢ Beef 16¢. Something 5¢. 0.71
" 22 Veal and dried beef 64¢. Shoes of Swift $2.25 mend'g 25¢. 3.14
" 23. Buttons 12¢. Washing June 24. 50¢. Cracked wheat 10¢. 0.72
" 25. Orange 4¢. yeast 3¢. 16 stamps 30¢. Bitters 6¢. 1/2 peck Pears 19¢. 0.62
30.43
July 1. Codfish 11¢. 1 lb Sugar 8¢. Pears 19¢. Post Office box & 15¢ Envelopes 6¢ 0.59
" 6. Berries 5¢. yeast 3¢. postage 7¢. Potatoes 11¢. Pears 25¢. 0.52
" 8 My Town tax on 4900 lbs at 6 lbs per 1000 $29.40. Poll 1.50. 29.36
deduct 5 per cent ... 1.54
" 11. Paid for lb Tea S.C. Parsons 50¢. pair of shoes for Pin. Chr. Clarke 1.08. 1.58
" " " for stamps 10¢. pd Wm. Jewett for killing woodchuck 25¢ 0.35
" " Mrs Jewett for 62 1/2 qts milk to July 1. 5¢. 3.12
" 13. Washing 50¢. Belladonna 10¢. Potatoes 11¢. 0.71
" 16 Codfish 6¢. Mrs Ryan, washing last week 50¢. 0.56
" 21 Mr Wood's horse & waggon to Athina & Seth Lyman's twice. 1.00
" 21 2 lbs breakfast Tea 50¢. 1.00. 12 stamps 36¢. 6 lbs Graham meal 29¢. 1.65
" 26 Mowing 13¢. Berries 12¢ & 6¢. Washing 50¢. Bitters 6¢. 0.87
" 28 meat Bill to Hillman & Graves 24¢ & beef 8¢. 2.49.
" 29. 3 quarts berries 25¢ & 1 quart 8¢. 0.33
73.56
Aug. 2. 1 qt berries 7¢. and 1 quart 8¢. Aug 4. Beef 23¢ 0.38.
" 5 Potatoes 11¢. Mop yarn 17¢. Gum arabic &c 18¢. Whortles 14¢. 0.33.
" 5 Young Colson 1/2 day's work 50¢. 7 lbs Rye flour 23¢. 0.73
" 9 Hoxie for 20 lbs butter (22 3/4 54¢. Potatoes 20¢. Berries 8¢. 4.82
" 10 Paid Colson girl 50¢. Ind meal 36¢. Tribune 3¢. Fig Jam 13¢. 1.02
" 15. Potatoes 15¢. Wash Woman 50¢. Apples 13¢. Rye flour 1.00. Potatoes 25¢. 2.03
" 20. Blackberries 5 1/2 qts 44¢. & 1 1/2 qt 12¢. Ferry 3¢. Apples 10¢ & 10¢ (Aug 1) 0.79
" 23. Washing & Ironing 1.00. Something 6¢. — 24th paid Colson girl 1.25. 2.13
" 30. Washing & Ironing 1.00. 1.00
Sept. 1. Balance to 267th page. ——— 9.48
$96.68

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Thermometer.

		Sunrise.	1 P.M.	9 P.M.		
Sunday	1	34.	63.	49	Fair & pleasant.	S.E. &c.
	2	36.	74.	53.	Fair & pleasant. Warm.	Northerly.
	3.	37.	64	50	Fair & pleasant	
	4.	37.	70.	53	Fair & pleasant. Dry & dusty	
	5.	37.	74.	53.	Fair & pleasant. smoky & dusty.	S.E
	6.	45.	76.	62.	Sunshine with haze & smoke	Southerly.
	7	49.	84.	66.	Fair with thick air. very warm.	
Sund	8.	54.	84.	68	Sunshine though smoke. very warm.	S.E &
	9	53.	65.	51.	mostly Cloudy. Cooler. A little rain in the night.	
	10	44.	48.	44.	Gentle rain all day & night.	N.E
	11.	42.	49.	46	Gentle rain A.M. Cloudy P.M.	N.E.
	12.	42.	66	50	Some fair. mostly Cloudy	
	13.	48.	72.	63.	Fair and pleasant.	Southerly.
	14	55.	73.	57.	Fair & pleasant - -	N.E. &
Sund	15	45.	65.	47.	Fair and pleasant.	
	16	34.	64	48.	mostly Fair. Some cloudy.	
	17.	44.	53.	52	Cloudy. Little rain P.M.	
	18.	52.	65.	59.	Cloudy all day. Heavy rain in night	
	19	55.	73.	63.	Cloudy.	
	20.	60.	67.	58	Cloudy	N.E
	21.	54.	58.	50.	Rainy by spells	N.E.
Sund.	22.	50.	59.	48	Cloudy A.M. some rain P.M	
	23.	38.	68	51.	Fair & pleasant	
	24	40.	76.	60	Fair and pleasant.	
	25.	48.	78	60.	partly fair. more cloudy.	
	26.	47.	82	63	Fair & pleasant	
	27.	54.	82.	62	Fair & pleasant	
	28.	57.	75	56	some fair. some cloudy	
Sund	29	42.	74.	60.	mostly fair.	
	30.	48.	73.	54	Fair & pleasant	
	31.	40.	70.	54.	Some fair. some cloudy. Began to rain at 8 P.M. Rainy night	
		1423.	2046.	1704		

Temperature

At sunrise ~~45 25~~ 45 $\frac{28}{31}$

At 1 P.M. ~~69 7~~ 69 $\frac{7}{31}$

At 9 P.M. ~~54 30~~ 54 $\frac{30}{31}$

} average 56. $\frac{65}{93}$ °

The Thermometer has been higher this May than in May 1857 and 1858, and vegetation is more forwarded, 3. 4, and some things 5 days. than in 1858.

May 1859

Sunday 1st. Fine day.

I attended meeting A.M. and P.M. Rev. Mr Perkins, of the Nestorian mission, gave an interesting account of that mission, which he & others established 25 years ago, and of the Nestorians, A.M. Mr. Hall preached P.M. Sacrament

May 2d. Monday.

Shad bush at mansion-house, blossomed May 1. & in Paradise
Horse chestnut. Several trees have open leaves & show flower buds. M.1.
Mountain Ash. About as forward as horsechestnut. May 1.
Lilacs, show many clusters of purple flower buds and are considerably green. May 1.
Larches are green with leaves, & have been some days.
Hackmatack leaves are not above ½ inch in length.
Strawberry, wild. Begins to blossom below my garden
Blue Violets, wild, are in blossom below " "
Wood Anemone is in blossom in Paradise.
Willows are the greenest trees in the village, some shrubs are as green.
Tulip Trees. Mr Jewett's near my house have shot forth one leaf from the buds.
Apple Trees. Many have opening leaves and show the beginnings of fruit buds. Others not so forward.
English Cherry has opening leaves; & fruit-buds are scarce.
Peaches. Some are killed & others will not blossom, I think
Apricots, as peaches.
Young cattle are driven to pasture on the hills.
Common Currants, & Missouri Currants begun to blossom. 2 or 3
Gooseberries have blossoms.

Tuesday 3d

I moved out my door-yard fence to day from 4½ to five feet, and thus enlarged the door-yard.

Wednesday 4

Still at work on door-yard fence &c

Thursday 5.

Elms. are now greenish; about as apple trees faint.
The tops are much less dense than they were before the brown envelopes fell. Some leaves opening
Sugar Maples. Some trees are yellow with blossoms.
Some partly yellow with blossoms & partly green with leaves.
Others all green or greenish with leaves. Some only swelled buds.
Red Maples are less red, or many are, & becoming greenish with leaves
Tulip Trees. Some buds have shot forth 2 leaves.
Chestnuts on Round Hill. Sprouts have leaves an inch long.
Some trees 6 to 12 inches in diameter have leaves. Old and large trees have no leaves.
Red Oaks in Round Hill orchard have leaves an inch long.
Other Oaks on the Hill, have swelled buds, or some have advanced a little towards leafing. White oaks buds are not open.
Birches. Yellow birches have long, dangling catkins.
Black birches have shorter do — do
White birches have smaller do — do.
Some birches have leaves, or most have.
Silver Poplar catkins begin to fall.
Shad bushes are very white with blossoms
Hornbeam has leaves, & catkins about an inch long

May 1859

Thursday 5. Vegetation continued.

Ash Trees. many are full of black bunches. Some have not altered much.

Cherry, English. Three trees near houses, have a few blossoms — viz at Mr S. Wells's, at Mr Brights and at old Mr Stoddards. There will be but few blossoms this spring, on most trees; none or some.

Old Sour cherry has opening leaves, & shows many flower beds.

Peach & apricots, Trees not dead, & parts of trees, show a few small leaves. Trees are in a sad state.

Pear Trees show leaves enclosing many flower buds.

Quince Trees have opening leaves.

Plum Trees. Mine have opening leaves.

Grapes. My native grapes have round buds as big as a buckshot. My Isabella grapes show no change. No buds appear.

Currants. Not one fourth of flower buds on mine are open. Bushes rather green with leaves.

Early Tulips are open at Bright's, & have been a day or two.

Daffodils, Primulas, & Violets, Hyacinths continue plenty.

Crown Imperials are in blossom at Brights.

Japan Quince has a few blossoms old Round Hill

Magnolia at Bright (noticed May 5, last year) has large white blossoms, and not a leaf.

Moss Pink. Miss Jewetts have a few blossoms

Narcissus or Daffodils with 6 white petals were open yesterday — Peninnalis & Miss Jewetts

Rhubarb, mine has some leaves 6, 7 and 8 inches, one or both ways. Not very stout. Not so good as some years.

The season, I think is about 5 days in advance of 1857, and 2 or 3 behind 1858. The weather has been warm several days.

Killed my cat because he caught my neighbors' chickens.

Friday 6

Chipping birds have been here several days.

Chimney Swallows were in my chimney last night, but I have not seen one in the air. I saw two or three to day.

Catbirds first appeared & began to sing this morning.

Orioles first gave us their soft notes this morning.

Some species of buds come earlier than last year.

Flies are not in the house — or are very rare.

Black ants — only 2 or 3 have been seen in the house.

Bell Bird is here this morning.

Barn & Chimney Swallows — a few are in the air.

Toads. I have not seen one this year.

Snakes. I have seen two or three small ones.

Shad have been caught at South Hadley Falls a week or more. Shad from Saybrook have been sold here 3 weeks. [illegible] not any dearer than in last years — not so dear as in some seasons.

May 1859.

Saturday 7.

A very warm day — Therm. 84° at 1. Great progress in leafing & flowers. I cannot keep up with it. The valley south of my house has become green in a short time.

It is very dry and dusty. The sun rises & sets with a red face in a smoky atmosphere.

Sunday 8.

Another very warm day. Therm. 84 at 1. higher afternoon as yesterday. Up to 87° at 3. Vegetation advances very fast. Much dust and smoke. Mr Hall preached A.M. & P.M. and I attended both parts of the day.

Monday 9. Blossoms, &c. Very warm.

Old sour Cherry, mine & others began to blossom May 7.
Plum Trees — began to blossom. — May 7 or 8.
Pear Trees. began to blossom. May 6 or 7.
Some are considerably white May 9.
Apple Trees. One in my garden, one in Jewett's lot, one or two near the valley, and some elsewhere began to blossom the 8th. Perhaps a few began May 7th. but I saw none till the 8th.
Smooth Black wild Cherry at Mansion house began to blossom May 7 — is pretty white May 8.
Venus's Pride } These are all abundant. The first make
Dandelions } white spots in Mr Wood's mowing & elsewhere.
Blue Violets }
Mouse Ear and Five Finger are common.
Moss Pinks are quite full & showy.
Celandine by wall N.E. of my house, began to blossom May 6.
Vernal Grass has had spikes a few days, & is in blossom.
Poa Pratensis shows a few Panicles by wall N.E. of house.
Not a single Peach blossom, & very few on Eng. Cherries.
Quince Trees show no flower buds, on my trees.
The Winter has made bad work with fruit-trees.
Apple Trees seem to be injured, & the greater part will not blossom. Many will blossom
Currants look pretty well, and are near full blossom.
Butternuts, Chestnuts, Locusts, Walnuts, and almost all trees now show leaves.
Chestnuts & Oaks on Round Hill have leaves.
Gleditschia Locusts have small leaves.
Whistling bird is here.
Reho-Reho bird is here.
Button Balls are in leaf.
Ash Trees, not full of bunches, have leaves.
Apple Trees. In going about the village P.M. I notice perhaps 100 Apple trees that have blossoms — from a few to many. Half of trees do not blossom
Crab Apples are whitish; not half buds are yet open. Seem no more forward than a few common apple trees.
Plums } These in P.M. were very full of flowers —
Pears } No trees blossom so fully, except sour cherry.
English cherry. Some trees have many blossoms — some have a few, and many have none or next to none.

May 1859

Monday 9 — continued.

Leucojum Vernum was in blossom yesterday.
Large common Tulips begin to blossom at Brights: none elsewhere. Perhaps not the common
Dwarf Iris has been in blossom a day or two.
Dielytra has been in blossom some days.
English Linden } are quite green with leaves.
American Bass }
Ampelopsis }
The season is in advance of last year as to most things — from one to 3 or 4 days. Apple trees are 5 days ahead of last year apparently; certainly 4 days.

Tuesday 10. Rainy

Wednesday 11. Rainy A.M.

Thursday 12

p. 235, 248 Gardening —

10th I planted 2 sorts early Corn some not early.
11th I sowed Parsnips a second time. First did not come up.
12th Planted red eyed Beans 2 sorts — More Peas.
Winter & Summer Squashes — Cantelope Melon.
Pinks set out tomatoes raised in pots, May 10th.
13th. Poled beans & planted pole beans — planted more long, red eyed bush beans. Planted more corn, Planted Cucumbers.
Have now planted: —
40 hills pole beans — viz
18 dinna (up in 11 & 12 days. 14 Frost (up in 11 days
5 large white (up in 11 & 12 days 3 Horticultural. (not up till 16 days.
of bush beans — long, red eyed — 17 hills (up in 10 & 11 days
do short " do — 30 small hills. (up in 10 days
of early sweet corn, various colors, 35 hills (up in 15 days or 16
of 8 and 10 rowed do. white 26 hills. (up in 9 or 10 days
of 12 rowed do — " — 6 hills (Perhaps not ripe) not up till 12 days — only a few then
3 hills winter squashes (came up in 10 and 11 days
4 " Summer Squashes (came up in 11 days
4 " Cucumbers, 2 short; 2 long. (came up in 11 days
4 " melons, cantelopes — (came up in 11 days
May 23. Everything coming up except parsneps — those put down as "up" or "came up" — hocks not fully up, but some plants were up. Peas been up in 10 days. Parsnips coming up in 14 days: up in 16.
Friday 13. May 30. planted 20 hills more of corn.

I finished planting the garden to day, except spots left for late corn, &c. Poled the peas planted April 19. Mr Gargill here to day, formerly of S. Farms

Erigeron No 1. (Robert's Plantain) has blossoms S. of my garden
Rays not fully grown.
Flowering Almond begins to blossom.
Lilacks, White, begin to blossom. Purple began 13th or 14th.

Pears — some in full blossom — some past.
Plums, some in full blossom — some past
English cherry, past full. Many do not blossom
Sour cherry, in full blossom, or a little past.
Musketoes were here at night. Said to be plenty at Mother Parsons's in Westhampton.

May 1859

Saturday 14.

Rhubarb. We had pies & sauce today. might have had some days before.

Apple Trees. Some seem in full blossom; many not. About half have no blossoms; & others have but few. Some are full of blossoms.

Colson at work levelling & turfing dooryard, and fixing garden adjoining dooryard.

Reservoir near my house repaired today by the town.

The mountains, Tom and Holyoke, are green or greenish. The birches are the greenest as usual; the chestnuts & oaks are greenish; some are only faintly greenish, and perhaps some are not green at all. I have been no nearer than the village, & the atmosphere is not often clear.

Tulips, tall ones, begin to open, in Miss Jewett's garden. Peninnah's began May 15.

Yellow Butterfly seen close to my house, May 15.

House Flies are very rare. One or two have been about the windows.

Toads in Garden — I have seen only one or two.

Cutworms begin to do a little damage in the garden, to beets and tomatoes.

Barbarea or Winter Cress is in blossom

Lily of the Valley is in blossom

Comparison of Seasons. May 14.

The season is in advance of last year — in some things but little; in many from 2 to 4 days. Things noticed May 18. 1858 seem to have been no more advanced that day than on May 14. 1859 — The season is from 10 to 14 days in advance of 1857.

The winter has made sad work with apricot and peach trees; has hurt quince trees much; and has injured English cherries much, as to fruit, but has not greatly damaged the trees. It has affected many apple trees, and there is not more than half a common blowth. Isabella and all foreign grapes above the snow are seriously injured if not killed — show no leaves yet, except below the snow. Native grapes not injured. Pear & Plum trees seem not injured by the winter. Old sour cherry not hurt. Currants & gooseberries not hurt.

Sunday 15

I did not attend meeting. I have not been well for two or three weeks, since I was 70 years old; have been troubled with costiveness more than at any time of life, though I have had shorter turns before. Eating graham bread and using much milk seems to have no effect to relieve the difficulty. Have taken castor oil twice, which gives only temporary relief. My appetite is not good, but it is about as usual at this season of the year. There may be some dyspepsia but no more than in some past years. Out door exercise in the garden seems to do no good, nor has it helped me in past years.

May 1859.

Monday 16.

Finished levelling in dooryard, finished gate, &c.
There was frost this morning in low grounds
– none at my house. Therm. 34°.

Tuesday 17.

Wednesday 18

Thursday 19.

Friday 20

Apple Blossoms linger, & many trees are now in full bloom, while most of the blossoms have fallen from others. On the whole, there have been many more blossoms than I at first expected, though many trees have not blossomed.

Quinces, which, I at first supposed, would not blossom, show many blossom buds on the higher limbs.

Peach trees are as much injured as I had supposed; many are quite killed, & many have only a few living branches. Not a blossom has appeared on peach and apricot trees.

Horse Chestnuts are full of cones of flowers.

Lilacs are almost in full blossom – not quite.

Flowering Almonds are in full blossom, or a little past

Twin flowers begin to open.

Moss Pinks still make a show, but are fading.

Tulips are in great glory – but not full.

Azalea Honeysuckle begins to blossom.

Periwinkle has long been in blossom & is still so.

Ragged Robin has been in blossom 2 a 3 days.

Dielytra flowers make a fine show.

Greek Valerian – one species is in blossom. blue.

The season is still from 2 to 4 days in advance of last year, as to leaves and flowers.

Saturday 21.

Sunday 22. We have had 6 or 7 days of cloudy weather and some rain. Everything is very green, that is, grass, bushes and leaves.
I did not attend meeting – not well

Monday 23.
Fair weather again

Tuesday 24.

I weighed to day only 133 pounds. Have not been so lean since I was sick in 1843. and was then no lighter than now. Have lost a number of pounds in the last 4 or 5 weeks. Have a bad appetite, & inclined to costiveness.

May 1859

Tuesday 24 — continued.
a warm day — Fine growing weather after the rainy and cloudy week. All kinds of vegetation advance rapidly. All things in my garden are up, or coming up!

Indigo birds jingle their notes to day. Have not heard or seen them before.

Quinces show blossoms to-day — began yesterday.
Blue Iris shows blossoms — has a day or two
Persian Lilac has blossoms — had 1 day or two ago
Hawthorn. The high trees at Brights have blossoms.
Crowfoot Geranium is full of blossoms on Round Hill
Bulbous or early Crowfoot, shows many blossoms in all the mowings on the sides of Round Hill
Some spots are yellow. must have been in blossom near a week.
Tall Crowfoot or Buttercups, has a few flowers in the Tall Bt mowing.
Red Clover shows a few heads in the same mowing.
Magnolia grandiflora has long flower buds and open blossoms, on Round Hill.
Erigeron No 2. begins to have buds opening, which are partly erect, but the rays are not fully grown. In general the buds are drooping.
Dandelions show many white, globose heads, which have gone to seed.
Vernal Grass is very distinct in mowings, and for some days has made large places brownish, or reddish brown.
English Grass (Poa pratensis) shows panicles abundantly in mowings and by fences on roads &c. Not so forward as vernal grass.
Orchard grass shows the upper parts of the heads on Round Hill.

The Mountains, Tom & Holyoke, are quite green. The evergreens are quite dark, seem almost black compared with the pale green of the spring leaves. The oak region exhibits several shades as greenish, reddish brown, whitish, &c.

Flowering Dogwood. The involucres seem fully developed, & make the trees appear in full blossom or a little passed.

Wild Flowers. About half the buds are open.

Periwinkles have long been in blossom and continue to put forth flowers.

Spiked Maple is in blossom on Round Hill.

There is much bird music. Robins are first heard in the morning, and last in the evening. Orioles make a great deal of noise through the day. Catbirds sing.
I think I have heard young Robins.

Currants are half grown — some are more than [illegible].

Wednesday 25.
Crickets first heard this evening; only 2 or 3.
The trilling frogs made a great noise in every

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Thursday 26

Fine growing weather.

Friday 27.

Saturday 28.

Sister Sarah Hosmer here noon after noon.

Sunday 29.

I am unwell did not attend meeting.

Monday 30

Tuesday 31.

Progress of Vegetation.

Button Wood Trees have the usual haggard, ragged appearance, with many dead leaves.

Common Locust Trees begin to blossom.

Wild, rough bark, cherry, racemed are white with blossoms.

Barberry bushes are full of flowers, in Paradise

Thorn bushes - one species has white blossoms in plenty. (Thorn blossoms fallen)

Dewberries, running, are in blossom.

Wild raspberry bushes are in blossom.

Thimbleberries begin to blossom - not mine.

Red Clover } These blossoms are seen in many places

White Clover }

Crowfoot or Buttercups. The bulbous make many large yellowish splices. The acris or tall are in blossom, but not yet plenty.

Whortles, high & low, are in blossom.

Dwarf Locust. Miss Jewetts in her garden has blossom buds that begin to open - none open yet. Open June 3.

Tulips are fading.

Garden Columbines are in blossom.

Erigeron. No 1. (Roberts Plantain) makes white spots.

do No 2. has many erect heads.

Azalea Honeysuckle blossoms are showy, but fading.

Lilac Blossoms are much faded.

White Iris is in full blossom & fading.

Indigo Plant in gardens has blossoms, or at Mrs Hannas

Yellow Lily. I noticed one or two flowers to day

Quince flowers are falling - not very perfect.

Moss Pink blossoms are mostly gone.

Spider wort is in blossom

The season continues in advance of last year 3 or 4 days; in some things 5 days; in some 6 days

Alternate leaf dogwood is in blossom at M. house } have been out 2 or 3 days.

Viburnum Lentago is do at do. }

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Thermometer

		Sunrise.	P.M.	9 P.M.	
Wednesday	1	50	59.	58	. Cloudy.
	2.	59.	80.	66.	{Part cloudy: part clear. Thund. Shower in evening.
	3.	61.	79.	62	{Partly clear: partly cloudy. Rainy night
	4.	56.	56.	50.	Cloudy
Sund.	5.	42	61.	46	mostly Cloudy. Some fair.
	6.	37.	74.	52	Frost in low places. Fair day
	7.	40.	72.	56.	Mostly Fair: some cloudy
	8.	48	62.	60.	{Cloudy, some rain. Th. Shower in the evening.
	9	52.	66.	49.	Fair & pleasant
	10.	41.	70.	48	Cloudy, with Showers P.M.
	11.	39.	63.	46.	Fair & pleasant
Sund	12.	35.	66.	53	Some frost here. Day fair & pleasant; some haze P.M.
	13.	48.	60.	60.	Cloudy & some Rain.
	14.	61.	85.	70.	Fair, warm & pleasant
	15.	66.	85.	73.	Foggy. Day mostly fair. warm
	16.	67.	83.	64.	part cloudy & part fair. Some rain A.M.
	17.	59.	64.	56	{Cloudy. Rainy P.M. & evening. much rain
	18.	56.	73.	56	Partly fair: some cloudy.
Sund	19	48.	76.	58.	mostly fair. some haze
	20.	58.	58.	56.	Steady rain most of the day.
	21.	56.	65.	58.	{Cloudy, and some rain. Rainy evening.
	22	56.	76.	64.	mostly Fair
	23.	54	78.	62.	Mostly Fair. Some cloudy
	24.	60.	66.	63	Cloudy and some drizzle.
	25.	61.	68	58	Fair & pleasant.
Sund	26.	55.	83.	63	Fair & pleasant.
	27.	53.	84.	65	Fair and pleasant
	28.	59.	86.	72	Sunshine & much haze
	29.	67.	91.	67	{Fair mostly. Hot. Thund. Shower with high wind at 5½ P.M.
	30.	65.	71.	58.	Fair, cool, windy.
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Temperature.

At sunrise $53.\frac{20}{30}$.
At 1 P.M. $72\frac{29}{30}$
At 9 P.M. $58\frac{29}{30}$
} Average $61.\frac{49}{90}$.

June was 6 degrees colder than the warm June of 1858, and nearly the same with the unusually cold June of 1857.

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Wednesday 1st.

The first day of the month begins cloudy after a rainy night. There has been plenty of rain this season, and trees, shrubs & herbs are all vivid and vigorous.

My Garden.

185
235
241
255 Peas, first planted, are 15 inches high or 12 to 16.
14 Corn 5 & 6 inches; Beets 3, 4 & 5 inches;
31 Parsnips, all second sowing, have only two small leaves.
39
52 Lettuce that I sowed, is large enough to eat; or some is.
Tomatoes that were started with the house are 8 to 12 inches high; those that came up themselves are 2, 3, 4 and 5 inches high. Have given away plants to set out.
Beans, bush, show the second pair of leaves - quite small.
Beans pole, show mainly the germs of the 2d pair of leaves - Beans, Lima & others have come up well, & are thriving
Winter squashes have second leaves as big as half a dollar
Summer squashes have second leaves as big as a quarter dollar.
Cucumbers
Canteloupe melons } have second leaves as large as a 5 cent piece or some have.
Rhubarb has large leaves; we have used it and given it away, for some time
Currants are more than half grown.
My native grapes have abundance of new shoots from 6 to 12 inches long, & full of clusters of buds.
My Isabella grapes were almost killed by the winter; they have but few new shoots, and no flower buds.
Quince bushes were injured by the winter; many dead limbs; have blossomed scantily, & flowers seem imperfect;
My peach trees were sadly injured by the winter — some are dead; others have but few living branches, and all have dead limbs, or dead ends of limbs.
My English cherry trees are small — do not bear.
My sour cherry trees show cherries - seem unsound.
My plum trees have very few plums.

No. 31 Weeds — are as usual in the garden. The worst
188 are chickweed, fleabane, pigweed, purslane;
194 ragweed, wood sorrel, common sorrel, poa annua
193 also other grass, clover, low mallows, clock, hooded violet, heartsease, three seeded mercury, knotgrass, amaranthus, nightshade, spotted spurge, carpetweed, stinging nettle (not yet) plantain, horsetail down by fence, shepherd's purse, & some others.
The barn grasses, tickle grass, &c. just begin to show themselves
Cultivated plants have become weeds — Ambrosia, fumitory, coreopsis, calyptegia, morning glory, tomatoes, &c.
Chickweed and purslane are worse than any others.
many peach trees have come up from stools of last year
many young plants seem to be grapes, but have only two leaves as yet.
Pine Strawberries blossom well.
Robins eat Miss Jewett's Strawberries June 10. 11 — only red one side.
Put Ashes on Garden June 7, and June 10, 3 or 4 bushels
Planted 12 hills corn June 11th;
Planted 20 hills corn June 20. Last planting. Came up in 6 days
Sowed French Turnips. June 20. Came up in 4 or 5 days

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Thursday 2d.

A thunder shower in the evening — the first this year.

Friday 3.

Daughter Jane (widow of Sylvester) and her daughter Sophia, arrived from Augusta, Maine, at 6½ P.M. They left Augusta yesterday morning, and staid with Parkman at Reading last night.

Syringa begins to blossom — perhaps began yesterday.
Dwarf Locust " do. " " " "
Old red Peony " do " " " "
Greek Valerian, white blossoms, shows flowers.
do do with blue blossoms, showed flowers a week ago or more.

Yellow bugs — a few are in my garden to Day. I think they have been here two or 3 days.
The cut-worm has destroyed some plants — only a few.
Muskitoes are not plenty. Sometimes one or two.
Bugs fly against the windows, in the evening.
Young Robins have been about a few days.

Sweet William. Miss Jewett's began to blossom June 4.
Scotch Roses, small white, began to blossom June 4, in some places; not fully open. Miss Jewett's not open till 7th or 8th
Tall Valerian begins to blossom June 4
Tulip Tree near my house, has blossoms June 5. (Some are earlier)
Low fringed pinks. Miss Jewett's began to blossom June 5.
Yellow Lilies are very plenty, June 7. Com. Locusts are full.
Yellow Roses are in blossom, June 6 & 7.

Saturday 4.

Sunday 5

Monday 6

Thermometer down to 37°. A little frost here, but not enough to do any harm. Damage must have been done in some places.

6 Tuesday 7.

Wednesday 8.

This was the day appointed for the Bi-Centennial Celebration at Hadley. I did not feel well, but as the historian of Hadley, thought it necessary to go over. I walked to the river & rode on the other side. People were much hindered at the river, at this place and at Hockanum; the carriages could not be conveyed across the river in the boats as fast as they arrived.

Great numbers of people were in Hadley street, and two Great tents, very capacious, had been erected on the west street — one a few rods north of James B. Porter's house for the address and other performances, and one

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Wednesday 8. Hadley Celebration, cont.

down lower, nearly opposite the present meeting house for the dinner, full of tables and food, enough for some hundreds.

I determined not to take any part, nor to be prominent among them. I was urged to join the invited guests on the platform but refused – declined to enter the tent, and heard little or nothing of the address. It began to sprinkle before I had been there long and in an hour or two there was more rain though not heavy. many left and came to Northampton, and I left about a quarter before three, when Mr Huntington had not finished his address. I had been urged to stay to dinner & several tickets had been offered me, but I declined, and came away; walked to the river & rode from the river to the post office; it was then a quarter past 3. and I suppose they did not get ready for dinner until 30 or 45 minutes past three. I looked into the dinner tent; there was food & tables for 6, 7 or 800 persons, I suppose, all tastefully arranged, and very neat, with vases of flowers & many oranges intermingled. The Hadley women & men had prepared every thing in good style, in regard to the dinner and other things. (from above about the dinner)

The procession as it came from the town hall through Russel Street & part of the main street was preceded or succeeded by long vehicles decked with evergreens, containing articles of old furniture, old farming implements, &c. and there was a small company dressed & painted as Indians; some of the military were out, brass bands, &c.

These things did not interest me much; I never had any taste for parade, display and show; and a public dinner I never participated in, & never shall.

I was toasted at the dinner, I understand, but I was not there to respond, and I was glad to be absent. and should have been absent if I had been well.

P.S. I was not toasted, though so published.

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Wednesday 8. Hadley. crops in meadow.

Broom corn is up and many pieces hoed once. It looks well — has come up well. It was nearly all planted by machines.

Indian Corn. But little seen — rare in this meadow by the road. Looks well.

Potatoes are up.

Grass. Clover and Clover & Redgrass make a fine appearance. Clover more or less in blossom. Some White clover in some places.

Some pieces of plowed land — very few — did not show the crop. Perhaps intended for tobacco.

Wild Roses have come in abundantly on the sandy land in the vicinity of the bridge — are low, & full of blossom.

Yarrow flowers are out.

Rye in the meadow is all headed out, but has not attained its full height. The heads are reddish.

Thursday 9.

Friday 10

Cousin Eleazer Judd, whom I have not seen for two or three years, was here at dinner to day, and his son Eleazer. Cousin E. is only two years older than I; he seems quite infirm.

Saturday 11.

This morning, and usually, the roosters crowed about 3 O'clock. The robins began to sing at 15 or 20 minutes past 3. Other birds gradually joined them, but it was about four, when I could hear in bed the Oriole, the Indigo bird, the Richity bird & others. It is day break, I believe, a little before three.

Sunday 12

There was frost this morning. Probably much damage done in some places. In my garden a few bean leaves were frozen stiff, but in general no damage done. A few squash leaves hurt in one hill. Tomatoes, a tender plant, were not injured, nor vines, except one hill.

I went to meeting A.M. Have not been before for some weeks. It was so cool that the fans were moving. Much damage was done by the frost here & elsewhere.

Monday 13.

The evening was warmer; and crickets were again heard. They have been still some time.

Lightning bugs appeared this evening; were not very numerous.

The weather has been cool for 10 days, and vegetation has advanced but little. Yet it is in advance of last year.

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Tuesday 14.

A warm day after many cool days; plants grow very fast to day.

This evening, the crickets made some noise; frogs gave an abundance of trilling, and a few lightning bugs were seen. It is warm.

Wednesday 15. warm.

Thursday 16. warm

Friday 17. Rainy

Saturday 18.

Sunday 19

I attended meeting 1 A.M. Sick at my stomach P.M

I have yet very little appetite at any time, and am feeble & thin. But I work in the garden, write, &c

Monday 20

My native Grape began to blossom 2 a 3 days since.

My Isabella Grape does not blossom this year and much of the vine, say half or more, is dead. The last winter was more fatal to it than any preceding one.

My currants are heavy & bend the bushes towards the ground. Some begin to turn reddish a little.

Tomatoes that Peninnah planted in a pot begin to blossom or some of them do.

My Lima & Frost beans begin to clasp the poles. The large whites are on the poles 1½ or 2 feet.

My Peas, not early ones, are very rank and thrifty and are blossoming.

Pinks. Miss Jewetts low double & single pinks are in full blossom or a little past. Some taller red pinks are about full. Pinks tallest pinks are not yet in blossom

Bourbault roses are a little past full blossom and petals are falling. They make a show yet.

White Scotch Roses are in the same state.

Moss Roses. Pinks are in blossom.

Sweet Brier Roses are in blossom

Climbing Prairie Rose. Pinks not in blossom.

Sweet Williams are in full blossom. Miss Jewetts.

Snapdragon nearly full — " "

Foxglove has many blossoms " "

Ragged Robin is past the full; has long been quite showy.

White peonies have been in blossom some days.

Pale peonies begin to blossom.

Greek Valerian, white blossoms, is full of flowers

Tall Valerian " " is full of flowers

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Monday 20 - continued.

Garden Strawberries - Some are ripe - and have been a few days. Birds steal Miss Jewetts, especially the Catbirds. Robins are plunderers also.

Green Peas in pods are selling at 50 cents a peck.

Tuesday 21

Wednesday 22

A great Sabbath School Convention here from many parts of the State. People's houses full, or as many as they can entertain.

Thursday 23.

Mr Charles Hosmer of Hartford, an old acquaintance, called upon me this evening.

Heard an accident that has happened to sister Lyman at Sutton and Worcester. She has broken her hipbone, but has been brought home to Aphia Lymans. A sad accident from which she may not recover. She is 77 years old.

Friday 24

Saturday 25

In the afternoon, I rode out to see Sister Lyman, and sister Irene went with me. Sister Sarah Hooker came there accompanied by Dea Anson Hooker. I found sister Lyman in a bad condition, though suffering less than I had feared. She will be long in recovering; and indeed, can expect only a partial recovery - cannot have a good limb again.

The corn crops by the road are generally backward, owing to rain and cold, but will soon go ahead when warm weather comes.

Rye seems to have attained its height, or near it.

Grass in mowings & pastures looks well; it will soon be ready to cut. Herds grass heads are out, and red & white clover, peas, &c.

Flowers by the roadsides, are the large and small laurel, panicled dogwood, oxeye daisy, erigeron of three or four kinds, buttercups, running berries, Indian Hemp, Loosestrife, elder begins to show flowers,

Redtop shows heads in some places, not yet spread.

Triticum repens shows heads. in N.H.

Fesene Grass is in flower in N.H.

Tall Reed Grass in the village has been in flower some days. is purple.

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Sunday 26.
I attended meeting all day. A minister from Connecticut preached.

Monday 27. We have now the third fair and pleasant day, after a long spell of cool, wet weather.

Flowers, &c.

Canterbury bells have been in blossom two or three days, and a white flower called a Campanula.
Fragrant, variegated Honeysuckle begins to blossom.
Mullein Pink is in blossom.
The low pinged pinks of Miss Jewett continue in blossom. and the taller red and blood-red pinks.
Hair Bells just begin to blossom.
Prairie Rose begins to blossom here; at Deac Enos Clark's a day or two since.
Roses of many kinds are in blossom.
Sweet Williams retain their flowers.
Gladiolus has been in blossom 2 or 3 days.
Snapdragon continues in blossom.
Foxglove continues to blossom in abundantly.
upright orange lily is in blossom.
Valerian continue in blossom.
Spiderwort continues in blossom for months.
White & Pale Peonies continue in blossom.
Large, late Syringas are past full. & blossoms are falling.
Scarlet Lychnis is in blossom, and other flowers of this shape.
Early Phlox has been in blossom a week or more.
Poppies have been in blossom some days.
Smoke Trees have reddish-brown filaments.
Tulip Tree blossoms have fallen.
English Lindens have some blossoms; Americans none.
Alder blossoms make some show. Most buds are not open
Chestnut Catkins are quite distinct, but are not yet white — are pale green.

Cherries. I see none on trees.
Apples, I think, are far from plenty. Some trees bear.
Quinces & Pears. There are some
Garden Strawberries are plenty — bring now 25 Cts. per quart.
Peas are now sold at $1.50 per bushel. I bought some to-day.
My redeyed beans did not begin to blossom till to-day.
We had beet tops for greens to-day. might have had them before

Men are cutting grass & gathering hay in home lots. this fair weather. They began two weeks ago in some lots, but the weather has not been good. Grass is generally stout. — The lots are variegated with red & white clover, buttercups, crigerons of 3 kinds besides the earliest, and other blossoms, and various shades and hues of the grasses.

Hoeing Corn is going on — I have not seen much of it.

Tuesday 28.

Cuckoos are heard now & then. are rare.
The young of the Oriole make their peeping noise in the elms & elsewhere. One fell upon the ground in my backyard, & the old one was in much trouble.
Robins & Catbirds continue to plunder gardens Strawberries, though Thos. Jewett has shot several.
Bull Frogs are heard, but are not plenty. Other frogs continue their trilling noise.
Lightning Bugs increase.
Crickets. A few are heard.
House Flies. A few are in the house — not many.
Muskatoes. A few have come into the house.
Toads are more plenty in the garden. Not many.
Squash bugs, striped and black, have not yet troubled me much.
A woodchuck has destroyed, almost, several hills of beans in my garden.

Wednesday 29.
A hot day followed by a thunder & shower with very high wind between 5 and 6 P.M. The wind prostrated many things in the garden, and the rain was heavy. More rain in evening. Some limbs broken from Elms, &c. — Rain continued by spells in the night.

Thursday 30. A pleasant, rather windy day.
I set my corn upright that was prostrated yesterday.
ab. 185 p. 248. State of my Garden, the last day of June.
Corn, first planted is 30 inches high. A few hills near 3 feet. some not 2 feet.
do last planted is only 4 inches high.
Beans. Early red eye are in blossom & have been a few days.
do later red eye just begin to blossom.
do Lima & Frost, are half way to top of the poles.
do Large white are at the top of the poles.
Winter squash. Some that came up themselves have run 2 or 3 feet. Those planted have stems about 18 inches.
Summer Squash. Have grown slowly — stems about a foot long.
Cucumbers — have grown about a foot.
Cantilope melons — have done nothing. have but few leaves longer than a dollar.
I did not manure any of my vines in the hill or under it, and they have not grown as fast as usual.
Peas are full of pods and blossoms. Some peas may be half grown — not many. Those late planted just begin to blossom.
Tomatoes. Those started in pots have been in blossom some days. Those that came up themselves begin to blossom. all blown down yesterday.
Beets. Some are an inch in diameter. We have had greens a few days.
Parsnips — Ind planting, are about 6 inches high. or 5 to 6.
Cabbages — I have none. Turnips have been up a few days.
Currant Bushes are full of currants — they are turning red.
Strawberries. Penimans gathers some from his plants.
Native grapes have mostly fallen. A few as large as buckshot.

my garden plants are not quite as forward as they were last year at this time, or July 1.

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Thermometer.

		Sunrise.	1 P.M.	9 P.M.	
Friday	1	46.	75.	62.	Fair & pleasant.
	2.	57.	76.	72.	Cloudy. little rain. Thunder and rain for the night.
Sund.	3.	66.	70.	66.	Cloudy A.M. Rainy P.M.
	4.	49.	66.	50	Fair, pleasant & cool.
	5.	45.	72.	53.	Fair, pleasant & cool.
	6.	46.	75.	60	Fair and pleasant.
	7	49.	80.	65.	Fair and pleasant.
	8.	57.	82.	70.	Mostly fair. Some cloudy. warm.
	9	64.	83.	64.	mostly fair. some haze & smoke. warm.
Sund	10.	54.	84.	67.	Fair with some smoke & much dust & warm
	11.	57.	87.	72.	Fair. air thick & full of dust. very warm.
	12	65.	90.	76.	Fair, air fully dust. Hot.
	13.	68.	80.	72	Partly fair AM. Cloudy mostly P.M. Thunder and a little rain. Thetm. fell from 90 to 80
	14.	64.	83.	68.	Fair & pleasant.
	15.	56.	80.	63.	Sunshine & haze A.M. Cloudy P.M.
	16.	59.	66.	62.	Cloudy & a little rain or drizzle.
Sund	17.	58.	85.	71.	Fair — not quite clear. warm a shower aft 10 P.M.
	18.	60.	88.	70.	Sunshine with haze and clouds. warm
	19.	62.	70	63.	Cloudy, with some drizzle.
	20	62.	84	62.	Fair & pleasant.
	21.	52.	75.	61.	Fair & pleasant. dusty.
	22.	57.	83.	64.	Fair & pleasant. Shower at 8 P.M.
	23.	58.	75.	59.	Fair & pleasant. cool.
Sund	24.	51.	75.	60.	Fair & pleasant cool.
	25	58.	71.	64.	Cloudy A.M. Fair P.M.
	26.	62.	80	62	Partly fair. Showers P.M around, and heavy thr. shower here about 7.
	27.	50.	68.	59	mostly fair. cool.
	28.	55.	78.	61	Fair & pleasant.
	29	51.	77.	62.	mostly Fair.
	30.	57.	81.	66.	mostly fair.
Sund	31.	57.	73.	62	Hazy & Cloudy

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Friday 1st.

The weather has become cool. but is fair, and pleasant. Farmers are very busy hoeing & haying.

My health is better, that is, my appetite is better, but I am rather weak and weary, never so thin in my life. I am obliged to take fig-jam every night, as nature does not perform its work without help. I drink a little currant wine or grape wine made here.

Flowers.

Tall Valerians, Canterbury Bells, Feverfew, Sweet-Williams, Mullein Pinks, orange Lilies, Foxglove Campanules, so called, Prairie Roses & other roses, Variegated Honeysuckle, Spiderwort, Gladiolus, Phadelia and some other blossoms continue in Penninahs or Miss Jewetts garden.

Low pinks and red pinks are not all gone.
Tall pinks have not begun to blossom.
Hair bells have only a few blossoms.
Peonies are mostly gone. Some pale ones remain.
Tall White Lilies. Mrs Jewetts began to blossom yesterday.
Petunias - began to blossom yesterday.
Larkspurs & Candytuft are in blossom.
Snapdragons continue.
Hollyhocks. I have seen no blossoms.

Flowers are nearly as forward as last year - not quite perhaps - some a day or two behind.

Arethusa arrived from Brooklyn at 2½ P.M. Left Brooklyn L.I. this morning.

Saturday 2

Sunday 3.

I attended meeting A.M. & Mr Marsh preached from Oregon. if I understood Mr Hall.

Monday 4.

Independence. There was some bell ringing and firing among boys; and there was a large party especially of females at Singmasters Grove P.M. who were supplied with Cake & lemonade by themselves. Jane, Penninah & little Appha went there. — There were some drunken men in the streets of course, chiefly foreigners. I did not leave home.

Tuesday 5

Wednesday 6

Thursday 7

Friday 8. We all took tea at sister Irene's.

Rec for Frances $9. interest on J. Sheldons note. & paid his tax $9.12
Orbe an. $9. 88 — July 19 paid to Ed. Burge for Frances 9. 88 — so all paid

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Saturday 9.

Chestnut catkins are nearly ~~all~~ as white as they will be — perhaps a ~~third~~ ~~half~~ full. Trees quite showy.
P.S. Tree in Jewetts lot quite white. Others, with not full bloom.
Elder Blossoms make a fine show, but are falling and many fallen.
Bitter Sweet is full of blossoms. (solanum)
Mullein is in blossom.
Coreopsis is in blossom.
Tall pinks begin to blossom at Miss Jewetts. Pennyroyals do not begin. P.S. Began July 11.
Prairie Roses are in full blossom — Pennyroyals.
Siberian Spiraea, white, + Spiraea lobata, red, are in blossom
Tall White Lilies are in full blossom
Lark Spurs are plenty.
Oxeye daisy + Erigeron continue in blossom, + yarrow.
Morning Glories begin to blossom.
Holly hocks are seen.

Peas are now sold at one dollar a bushel. Some of mine are ready to pick. We have gathered none yet.
We have yet no string beans; no cucumbers nor squashes have begun. Bean blossoms on cucumbers + squashes.
Currants. white are mostly red + ripe. Bushes are very full.
Raspberries are ripe, and are sold.
Thimbleberries begin to be ripe — only a few ripe yet.
My corn first planted shows the tips of panicles. That last planted is 8 or 9 inches high.
Fine hay weather, + men are busy haying and hoeing corn.
New potatoes are sold at $1.50 pr bushel: and old Carters at 88 cents. Some kinds less.
We have had three or four days of warm, growing weather, and crops and garden vegetables have advanced fast, but are not quite as forward as last year. Weeds grow rapidly. Some things are not behind last year.

Lightning bugs are plenty.
House flies + musketoes increase — not yet numerous.
Frogs are heard at night, trilling + bull frogs.
Crickets are seldom heard.
Birds sing merrily before 4 o'clock in the morning, and some are heard through the day.
Black ants trouble us in the house.
Robins devour strawberries + currants — the more because they have no cherries, or very few. & striped squirrels also eat strawberries.
Saw a young woodchuck in my garden to day.
Clarks Dog dug out + killed an old one in the loft next to my garden, this evening, aided by Wm Jewett.
Humming Birds seen in garden July 12 and after.

Sunday 10.
Attended meeting A.M. Mr Hall preached.

Monday 11. Dreadful accident at Florence, 2 killed

Tuesday 12. A hot day — almost equal to June 29 night — much warmer than then. Brown spots show themselves in grass. Some things in my garden suffer — We all again took tea with Jene and Martha.

July 1859.

Wednesday 13. Another warm day until noon. A cloud arose with thunder and a sprinkling of rain and the thermometer fell from 90 to 80, and a shower.
Mr Sweet & wife (She was Sarah Wright) here from Lynn in evening

Thursday 14.
Chestnut Trees are very white — seem not much if any past the full.
Haying goes on briskly, in the meadows — and loads in the streets are frequent. All grass is said to be ready to cut. The Couch Grass is too ripe. The meadows are said to be fully haymaking. Most of the grass is cut by the mowing machine, and much is raked with the horse rake.
Indian Corn is said to be backward & to suffer for want of hoeing; yet is advancing & some pieces are good. I have not seen the meadows.
Broom corn needs hoeing — is small, but is making progress, they say.
Rye looks well — heads hang down with the weight of the grain. will be ready to cut in the meadows next week.
String beans & peas from our vines, we have had since the 10th July.
Cucumbers & summer squashes have fertile blossoms, with small cucumbers & squashes.
Currants. Mine are withering & falling. We have gathered great quantities, & some remain.
Strawberries are not quite gone.
Beets, we have, of good size.
Tall pinks now make a fine display.
Coreopsis is do. " do.
Lanksenus are plenty.
White Lilies and Prairie Roses continue.
Bouncing Bet by road side begins to blossom.
We had 10 at tea — 3 girls; Arethusa, Jane & little Apphia, Frances, Kate, Irene & Martha.

Friday 15.
Arethusa, dau. Jane & grand dau. Apphia left us for Maine at 8¼ A.M. will stop at Reading and elsewhere. Arethusa has been here 2 weeks & Jane and Apphia 6 weeks. We are again reduced to three.
My Lima & Frost beans begin to blossom. Most are at the top of the pole, or higher.
A few panicles of Corn have anthers.
Some things in garden are suffering with drought. Some corn leaves curl & twist.
Some Tomatoes may have as much bulk as a hens egg, but are not of that shape. Those started in the house are little more advanced than the others. Very few tomatoes are larger than a robin's egg.
Flies have become quite troublesome in the house
Young Chimney Swallows make a noise in the chimney.

260. July 1859

Saturday 16

Some drizzle to day. Ground not wet 1/2 inch deep.

Sunday 17.

I attended meeting P. M. Professor Seely of Amherst college preached. A man of good talents.

Monday 18

Tuesday 19

Wednesday 20

Rode to Easthampton P.M. with Alentha E Matthews - to her aunt Matthews + Jones; and thence to sister Lymans. Sis Lyman gains very little, nor is it to be expected at present.

Rye is ready to cut not only on the plains but in Northampton meadow. Some began on the plains July 15 & 16, but in Easthampton only a small part is cut - not 1/4 part. They began in Northampton meadow to-day.

Corn on the Easthampton road generally has a good appearance, though not forward. Some are hoeing hum and in N.H. meadow.

Harvesting, Haying & hoeing are all pressing.

Spring wheat on the road is yet green.

Haying is partly done, but not half the grass is cut.

Jersey Tea, wild sunflower, wild lilies, upright & drooping, yarrow, meadow, and various other flowers, are seen by the road sides and in the adjoining lots.

Two Cucumbers and one squash, we picked in the garden to day.

Silks appear on my early corn - not on the common.

Chestnut catkins are now generally brown or brownish. On a few trees, they are still whitish.

Dewberries or running berries are gathered, though hardly ripe.

Wild Raspberries are still sold, & some thimble berries.

Birds devour my peas very much; the yellow birds with black wings, and perhaps orioles. I do not see them plunder and hardly know what species they are.

Thursday 21.

Friday 22

Saturday 23.

Sunday 24.

more unwell & did not go to meeting

July 1859

Monday 25.

Tuesday 26.

Much has been said in papers & in conversation, for two or three months past about the war in Italy, between France and Sardinia on one side and Austria on the other. I have not given myself much anxiety about it having no confidence in the French emperor's regard for human rights; yet my sympathies have been with the Italians, and I have hoped that the result would be for their advantage. We have news that peace has been made, but how much advantage it will be to the Italians is not now known. — The war began and ended in a singular manner; the killed & wounded in this short war amount probably to 50,000; and though every action has resulted in favor of the French, yet they seem to have lost quite as many as the Austrians, (or they and the Sardinians.) What has been gained by this sacrifice of life and property? We shall know in time perhaps.

Running Berries are now offered at 8 cts per qt at Whortleberries, blue, have been sold at 10 cents & 12 cts. New Potatoes are down to a dollar.

Wednesday 27.

Mr Fessenden of Hartford and Caughtwhere in evening.

Thursday 28.

Friday 29.

Saturday 30

Whortleberries at 8 and 9 cents and Running berries at 7 cts.

My Garden.

Bush beans are full of pods — some large enough to shell
Pole beans — pods are small but increase fast
Summer Squashes — Vines are full — large & small
Winter Squashes — Many small ones — as big as my fist (or larger)
Cucumbers. We pick some daily — vines not very thriving.
Cantelopes — backward. None larger than a robins egg, and very few half as large — as usual in old soil.
Corn — first planted, is fully silked & full of antlers.
Tomatoes — are abundant but none have turned red in the least.
French Turnips transplanted, have just begun to grow.
Rhubarb stout but useless. Peas gone & vines pulled up.

Sunday 31

I attended meeting A.M. & P.M. Mr Hall A.M. A Stranger in the afternoon

August 1859

Thermometer.

		Sunrise	1 P.M.	9 P.M.	
Monday	1.	56.	81.	66	Fog in morning. Day fair.
	2	61.	83.	66.	Mostly Fair. Rain between 6 & 7 P.M.
	3.	63.	80.	70.	Fog in morng. Heavy th Shower between 3 & 4 P.M.
	4.	68.	86.	72.	Partly fair. Several th. Showers P.M. after 3. Heavy showers in the night
	5.	67.	78	68	Cloudy mostly, & a little rain in morning.
	6.	59.	75.	61.	Fair & pleasant.
Sund.	7.	53.	81.	65.	Mostly Fair. A little rain towards night
	8.	54.	78	65.	Sunshine & some haze.
	9.	54.	78.	67.	Fair & pleasant
	10	58.	80.	65	Fair & pleasant. Fog in morn.
	11.	58.	80.	65.	Fair & pleasant. Fog in morn
	12	61.	77.	70.	Some sky. much cloudy.
	13.	64.	76.	65.	Rain & cloudy A.M. Fair P.M.
Sund	14.	50.	82.	72.	Fog in morng. Day fair.
	15.	66.	81.	62.	Fair & pleasant
	16.	59.	73.	58.	Partly cloudy. partly fair.
	17.	46.	74.	60.	Fair & pleasant.
	18	48.	78.	62.	Fair & pleasant
	19.	52.	75.	61.	Fair & pleasant
	20.	57.	75.	58	Fair & pleasant
Sund	21.	47.	76.	61.	Fair & pleasant.
	22.	50.	77.	60	Fair & pleasant
	23.	52.	74.	63.	Cloudy in pt. Some sunshine
	24.	60.	68	64.	Cloudy A.M. Rainy P.M. & night.
	25.	64.	66	64.	Rainy. most of day
	26.	57.	78	66.	Fair and pleasant. Rain in night.
	27.	61.	70.	60	Fair A.M. Little rain & mostly sunshine P.M.
Sund	28.	52.	68	52	Mostly fair. some clouds.
	29.	43.	66.	56.	Fair and pleasant. cool.
	30.	42.	70.	53.	Fair and pleasant. cool.
	31.	51.	72.	58.	Fair in pt. Cloudy in pt
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Temperature

At sunrise $56\frac{6}{31}$
At 1 P.m. $70\frac{1}{31}$
At 9 P.m. $63\frac{2}{31}$
} Average $65\frac{3}{31}$.

August has been considered cool, but has been about the same as last year, & has differed but little from two or 3 years before. The month has been pleasant with plenty of rain. Corn & other things are deemed backward, but cannot differ much from last year.

August 1859

Monday 1st.

Tuesday 2d

Wednesday 3d

In the thunder shower this P.M. there was mixed and constant heavy thunder; hail in some places, but not here; and the rain was powerful.

Thursday 4. much rain P.M.

Tiger Lily has been in blossom one or two days.
High Phlox has been in blossom three or four days.
Larkspurs, Petunias, Hollyhocks, sweet peas, Lair bells, Coreopsis, some pinks & other flowers continue to blossom.
Green corn is for sale.
Apples are for sale, & have been some days.
Whortleberries are sold at 8 cents, & running berries at 6 cts.
Humming Birds are in my garden daily — near about bean blossoms, larkspurs, &c.
Toads & frogs are both in the garden, and are always protected.
House flies are very plenty. We poison many thousands.

Friday 5.

Saturday 6.

I weighed today only 130 lbs. & hardly that. I have no pain and feel tolerably well, but my appetite is not restored, and costiveness is not gone. I take care of the garden, split some wood, go down town, & do other things, and write considerably.

Sunday 7.

I went to meeting A.M. & P.M. Mr Hall preached A.M. and Mr. Meigs, missionary from Ceylon, gave us an account of the heathen, P.M.

Monday 8.

I and wife & Peninnah at tea at Sister Irene's with other neighbors.

Tuesday 9.

Tomatoes. We picked two ripe ones today. A few more and a little reddish. P.S. Picked 6 or 8 Aug. 14.
Green corn. We have some ears of green corn, that are about ready to eat. An early kind — small ears.
Shelled beans we have had — many pods on the vines are ready to pick, and some are a little too forward. We save them for the children — had beans & corn at dinner Aug. 11 and 12.
Crickets made their regular fall noise last evening or near it. But few are heard.
Son Parkman, & Sarah & Mabel arrived from Reading P.M.

August 1859.

Wednesday 10.
Son Hosphrid came from New York in the evening

Thursday 11.
Called to see Mr R.R. Hinman at Mr Bigelows.

Friday 12
Rode with Major Sylvester Smith down to Hockanum Island, and across the island, and back. A.M. We were all at Irene's to tea.
Indian corn in the meadow is generally stripped out the panicles — Not much Indian corn
Broom corn occupies most of the corn ground. Most pieces have a few panicles out and but a few. It is back-kubed to small, much of it, especially on the island.
Grass. Oats & rye are cut.
Tobacco. Some Sol[illegible] seemed one or two pieces
Althea

Harvest Fly or Locust. I just heard his trilling to day. It was heard last year Aug. 6.

We have plenty of squashes & some cucumbers, and many shelled beans and some corn — to eat. Tomatoes — not more than half a dozen ripe ones or red ones, as yet. Have picked only two.
Beets. We have long had large ones.

Katydids are not come — I have not heard one. Pin thinks she has heard one on Round Hill
Althea or Hibiscus begins to blossom at Stoddards. 13th

Saturday 13.
Son J Walker came this evening. So my three sons are here now, & Parkman's wife & child.

Sunday 14
I attended meeting A.M. & P.M. Mr Dwight of Portland preached. Mr Hall is absent. We had much company in the evening. Sons attended meeting at old church. A.M.

Monday 15.

Tuesday 16.
Children at Mrs. Isaac Clark's at tea & in evening

Wednesday 17.
Irene & Martha here at tea.

Thursday 18.
J.W. & Parkman went to Cummington to-day and returned.

August 1859.

Friday 19.

I and three sons in a carriage drawn by two horses, had a ride to day & called at several places. We stopped at the house of Daughtu Frances at Florence; at Mr Hoxie's at Robbits Meadow; at sistu Hooker's in Westhampton; at brothu Parsons's in Westhampton; at sistu Lyman's in the edge of this town; and at Mr. Matthews's near Easthampton centre, his wife being an old acquaintance of Parkmans. We reached home at 5½ P.M. Sistu Lyman with her broken bones gaing very slowly. —— We all took tea at sistu Hendels — viz. self, wife, 3 sons, 1 daughtu and 1 daughtu in law.

Golden Rods & now show some blossoms.
Star flowers } by roadsides.
Sunflowers show their flowers in gardens.
Tiger Lilies & Phlox are plenty.
Some pears are ripe.
Katadid. I heard a single one this evening. One or two have been heard a night or two past. They are fewer & later than usual.
Japan Lilies. Pinks have shown blossoms one or two days.
Tomatoes. We have but few ripe ones as yet, but some are gathered.
Gladiolus blossoms are plenty in gardens here.
Rowen. Some people are gathering rowen or 2 crop. in this and other towns.
Indian corn is rather backward, where we went to day; but may get ripe. Capt Parsons says there are no roasting ears in most fields.
Apples. The crop seems to be light.

Saturday 20.

Parkman & Sarah rode out to day to see Frances.
J Walker left us for New York towards night. He resides in Brooklyn yet, but has sold his place there.

Sunday 21.

I attended meeting A.M. A young man preached. In evening I and Parkman and Peninnah walked over to Chauncey Clark's in South street.

Katadids were in South Street, but not many. One was heard opposite my house, near Jewetts.
Crickets have a regular creaking.

Monday 22.

P.M. I and Parkman & Hopkins walked to Hockanum. I stayed at brothu Johnsons; sons ascended the mountain. I came home before night; they in the evening. The river was low; it was said that a man could wade across it.

August, 1859.

Monday 22, continued. N. H. meadow.

Indian Corn in the meadows is more forward than Capt. Parsons's report under Aug 19. Much of it, near half, is advanced enough for roast or boiled ears.

Broom Corn is more plenty than Indian; most pieces show only a small part of the panicles; some show almost all the panicles, which are spread & in blossom.

Rowen. Clover rowen is cut in part & the rest is ready to cut, many heads having become dark colored. — Herds grass heads are out, and Thatch grass, the A. furcatus, shows its forks. mowing has not begun in Middle Meadow, where there is not much clover.

mowing Machaine. We saw one at work with a man and two horses, (a Parsons,) and conversed with him. He can mow 3½ acres in two hours, & charges one dollar an acre. The machine now costs 160 dollars. He said he mowed in six weeks, chiefly or all first crop, 160 acres, and charged as I understood him, 160 dollars.

The noise of crickets & grasshoppers was abundant in the meadow. Grasshoppers in the grass were generally small — some were larger. Not so plenty as in some seasons. Yellow butterflies were about.

Tuesday 23.

Whortleberries are still offered — at 6 cents. We do not buy — think they are too old & may be wormy. Blackberries or brambleberries we buy at 8 cents.

Brother Hall & wife came here A.M. from Westfield and remained at night.

Wednesday 24.

Brother Hall and wife left us for Greenfield. P.M. They dined with Irene & Martha. He is unwell.

Thursday 25. much rain, yesterday, last night and to day. John & Martha here at tea.

Friday 26.

Son C. Parkman & wife & child and son Hopkins left us this morning, the former for Reading, and Hopkins for Augusta, Maine. Only three of us left.

Saturday 27.

Sunday 28. I attended meeting A.M. A son of Rev. John Todd preached. — Brilliant Northern Lights in Evening.

Monday 29.

Tuesday 30.

Wednesday 31. Irene & Martha, & Mrs Isaac Clark & Martha Clary, & Mary Clark daus. of late Rev. Josiah C. were here at tea.

September 1859

Money Matter. Receipts

Sept 1. Balance on 237th page — $9.40.
7. Sold 3 lbs Lard to sister M. Allchens @ 15c — 0.45.
23. Rec'd Son J. Walker. 10$ — 29th. 1 Judd Genealogy 50c — 10.50
28. Rec'd Fr'n. Ford on the Ford note & Execution 85. — 85.00
Oct 19 Of Wm. Dickinson. M.D. of St Louis 1.00 Genealogy & Hon Jno Judd 50c — 1.50
Nov 2. Devidend of Greenfield Bank rec'd 4 weeks since — 60.00
15 Of Sister Irene for butter 55c — 55
167.49
Dec 14. October Dividend at U. H. Bank — 40.00
" 19 Temple repaid 37c borrowed. — 37
$207.86

Expenditures.

Sept 2. Ferry &c. 9c Wife 5c, Ink powder 10c Potatoes 40c — 0.64
9. Paid Jacob Clark for currant wine 40c 13 lbs Hoxie for butter 3.19 — 3.59.
20 S.C. Parsons 1 lb Tea 50c Potatoes 8c sweet p't Lee 6c — 0.64
26. Ferry 3c 28th Peninnah 10c Alcohol, &c. 15. — 0.28
29. 14 Stamps 42c — Peninnah $1.00 — 1.42
30. Paid account at Stoddard & Lincoln to this date — 8.17
30 Paid " at Bridgman & Childs " — 1.87.
30 Paid " at Kingsley & Foote's for vest — 3.00.
30 Paid " at Wood & Kingsley's — 21.87
30 Paid Metcalf & Co on account — 20.00.
Oct 1. Paid Mrs Jewett for milk 3 mo 79 qts @ 5c — 3.95
1 Paid Wright & Dickinson for ice for past season — 3.00
1. Sweet Potatoes 12c. Post office box 13c. Ferry 6c — 0.31
4 Sent to S.G. Drake, Boston, to pay for N. Eng. Hist & Gen. Reg. — 2.00
70.74
5. Paid Silas Strong 12c. 6 lbs Graham 22c. Sweet Potatoes 1/2 peck 22c — 0.56
7. 5 lbs Beef of Hillman 37c. 12 1/2 lbs Sugar $1 S.C.P. 6 lbs Salmon 15c — 1.52
10. Cheese 14c. Paid to Thayer & Sergeant on acct $5. postage 8c — 5.22
15 Paid Hillman & Co for Lamb 50c & Beef 42c Potatoes 8c, Yeast 3c — 1.03
17 to 20. Rail Road & Ferry 36c. Pencil 8c. Potatoes 9c — 0.53
17. Paid Smith, S Hadley $2. for breaking his carriage, 1858 — 2.00
24. 1 lb Tea. S.C.P. 50c. 2 1/2 lbs Beef 30c. 2 lbs Smoked Halibut 22c — 1.02
25. Hoxie for butter in Sept. 10 lbs 143 $2.34. Cheese 10c — 2.44
26 Paid Mrs Ryan for washing two weeks — 1.00
27–30. Soda 13c. Newspapers 9c. Cider 30c. Bitters 6c. yeast 3c. Seeds 5c — 0.66
86.72
Nov 1. Ferry &c. 7c. 1 lb Tea sent to Jane 50c. Rent Temple 37c — 0.94
7. Paid to Metcalf for Printing History of Hadley — 50.00
7 Paid to Dort Mekeking for Pin's set of teeth — 8.00
8 49 lbs Wheat flour 2.06. 33 lbs Rye flour 1.00 Soap 10c. Ferry 3c — 3.19
Rail road fare to & from Smith's ferry, on Saturday — 0.30
9 Gave to a poor woman 50c. Washwoman 50c — 1.00
11 Rail road & ferry to & from South Hadley 36c — 0.36
14 Paid Mr Herrick for labor in Garden, &c — 0.25
15 Buckwheat flour 14c Indian meal 21. Postage 4c — 0.39
19 mouse trap 10c. postage 7c. 1 lb Tea 50c. 2 Chickens 68c — 1.35
Dec 2. Contributed for John Brown's family 50c — 0.50
153.00
5. Buckwheat flour 28c. Iron mortar 83c — 5.42
6. Butterine &c. & Nov. $3.37. broom 25c. Sawing 6g — 4.12
9 Paid S.G. Field's account $2.43. wood 1.69 — 5.90
14 Paid Miller for cord of wood 5.00. Potatoes 15 Sewing 75 — 0.37
16 mending Kettle 17c. Sharpening Razor 10c. postage 4c. Pail 6c — 0.55
1/2 lbs. 10c Grinding axe 20c. yeast 5c. Pins 3. Potatoes 17c — 2.50
22 to 24 5 meals, 2 lodgings, wood &c at Amherst — 0.80.
Stage fare & ferry 60 cents.
29. Paid for rent of 1/3 of a pew for 1859. $10.42 this year, this minister — 10.42.
Paid Miss Jewett for pies. 50c 1 lb Tea S.C.P. 50 — 1.00
23.78
1860 Jan 1. Balance to New account page 285
$207.86

September 1859.

Thermometer.

		Sunrise.	1 P.M.	9 P.M.	
Thursday	1	48.	70.	56.	Fair & pleasant.
	2	56.	66.	52.	Fair. windy. cool.
	3	43.	70.	59.	Fair & pleasant.
Sund	4	62.	72.	56.	Cloudy morn'g. Day fair
	5	45.	67.	54.	Cloudy mpt. Fair in part.
	6	51.	64.	50.	Fair & pleasant. Cool
	7	41.	64	49.	Fair & pleasant. cool
	8	39.	68.	52	Fair and Pleasant. cool
	9	41.	68.	53.	Fair and pleasant. cool.
	10	43.	73.	61.	{Fair in part. Cloudy in part. Some rain in night.
Sund.	11.	60.	70.	64.	Cloudy. Shower in evening.
	12.	56.	73.	61.	mostly Fair & pleasant
	13.	50.	75.	52.	partly fair; partly cloudy. Shower P.M.
	14	44.	56.	44.	Fair, windy & cold.
	15.	38.	56.	40	Fair and cold.
	16	35.	56.	50	A Frost. Day Cloudy.
	17.	47.	50.	49	Rainy & Cold all day.
Sund	18.	51.	65.	56	Fair & pleasant
	19	43.	70.	60.	Fair & pleasant.
	20.	61.	73.	65.	{mostly Cloudy. Warm. Some rain in the night
	21.	55.	50.	46.	Rainy day by turns. Rainy night.
	22	47.	52.	50	Rainy day & Evening & night
	23.	50.	60.	36.	Cloudy.
	24.	54.	70.	58	Fair & pleasant.
Sund	25.	50.	69	59	mostly Fair
	26.	57.	72.	60	Fair & pleasant. morn foggy.
	27.	51.	74.	62	Morn'g foggy. Day fair & warm
	28.	54.	72.	57.	mostly Cloudy. Shower at 3. P.M.
	29.	55.	65.	53	Cloudy.
	30.	43.	65	50	Fair & pleasant

September 1859

Thursday 1.

The first day of the month is pleasant, and the earth does not lack moisture.

Flowers in gardens are as last year — in ours and Mr Jewett's &c. hollyhocks, poppies, coreopsis, petunia, Japan lilies, snapps or balsams, phlox white & purple and some low, asters, morning glories, mountain pinks, sweet alysum, verbenas, heliotrope, althea or Syrian hibiscus; some larkspurs, hairbells & mullein pinks are still seen; sweet pea, fragrant honeysuckle, sunflowers, &c. Tiger lilies, ~~scarlet lobelia~~ gladiolus,

Garden Vegetables. We have corn, beans, beets, cucumbers, tomatoes, squashes; and cabbages turnips & onions are for sale. Tomatoes are now plenty. Potatoes are sold at 50 cents.
Apples are not plenty, are for sale
Pears are for sale.
Peaches none. I have seen no plums ripe.
Grapes — no Isabellas, & but few native grapes, & these not ripe.
Blackberries seem to be at an end & none offered.
Whortleberries were offered 2 or 3 days since.

Living Things — katadids, crickets & grasshoppers make the usual noise.
Harvest flies or locusts are heard in warm days.
Humming birds continue. Bird music is rare.
Musketoes have not troubled us much this season
House flies have been plenty. We have poisoned thousands, but many remain
Toads & frogs are seen near the house.
Swallows seem to be gone — perhaps not all.

Wild Flowers in the dingle near my house — Goldenrod, Star flowers, and Jewel weed have abundant blossoms.
Bonking Bet still blossoms by the wall in front of my house.

Autumnal colors.
The top branches of some hard & some red maples, near my house, have red or reddish leaves.
Sumacs — have a few red leaves.
White birches — have a few yellowish leaves.
Elm Trees. Some trees have some yellowish leaves.

Friday 2d

Went to Maj. Sylvester Smiths, Hadley, A.M. and returned before 8 P.M. — about 3½ miles each way — rode 1 mile and walked about 6 miles. Dinner & tea at Maj. Smiths.
Tobacco in Hadley, abundant. They have commenced cutting some pieces.
Broom corn — some pieces have spread panicles, and some have but few or no ripe. many between these
Indian corn — much will get ripe, I think. They fear early frosts.
Rowen seems heavy, in many places. They have begun to cut it, not much cut — none in aqua vitae.

September 1859.

Saturday 3.

Sunday 4
Attended meeting A.M. Mr Hall preached.

Monday 5.

Tuesday 6.
Evening so cold that insects made but little noise

Wednesday 7.
Arethusa and grandchild Jane Elizabeth (Lizzy) came from Augusta yesterday P.M. J.E. is going to Brooklyn to attend Arethusa's School.
We all took tea with Sister Matthews.

Thursday 8
Therm. here 39°. at sunrise. No frost here, but there was doubtless some on low lands.
A fire about 4 this morning – said to be incendiary.
At tea brother Parsons & wife and Luther Clark an old acquaintance from Marcellus, N.Y. and Irene.

Friday 9.
It has been so cool sometime, that fire is comfortable in the evening; & not unpleasant at other times.

Saturday 10.
Sister Arethusa and granddaughter J.E. Judd left us at 11 this forenoon for New York & Brooklyn.

Sunday 11
attended meeting A.M. Mr Seymour (brethren S. Deerfield & Whately) preached.

Monday 12

Tuesday 13

Wednesday 14
The red branches of the maples & the yellow leaves of elms increase daily. Yet 9-10ths perhaps of the leaves are green or more. The ampelopsis on my house has many red and reddish leaves. Butternut leaves are falling.
To day has been a very windy day, & the wind has blown down or blown off many things.
It is cold, & a frost may succeed.

Thursday 15
It was a little hazy last night, & there was no frost here where I live this morning, though there was doubtless frost in many places. Ther. 38°.

Friday 16.
There was frost this morning — how extensive, and how severe in other places, I know not. In my garden, it was not very severe. It killed many cucumber & squash leaves, and a few leaves of tomatoes, beans and melons. Did no great harm.

P.M. I find things as stated above. Cucumber & squash vines are hurt the most. No fruit is hurt on any plant, that I have noticed. Beans, tomatoes & melons are injured but little. Corn none. Hear that corn is very little damaged in the meadows. Pumpkin vines are killed. Probably some corn & some broom corn seed are injured.

Saturday 17

Sunday 18.
I attended meeting A.M. Mr Hall preached. The weather is milder. The Crickets & Katydids are noisy this evening. Lightning bugs are seen down in the village; there are none here.

Monday 19.
Tuesday 20.
Wednesday 21. } There seems to be an equinoctial
Thursday 22 } storm of rain — wind not high

Friday 23
Saturday 24
Sunday 25
attended meeting A.M. Mr Hall preached.

Monday 26
Walked down to Hadley. was talking with old Mrs. Newton at Mr Hookens. A.M. dined at Mayor Sylvester Smiths & was there P.M. He brought me home. H. having occasion to bring a relative to the depot.

Broom leaves have suffered with frost. Not much seed is ripe; much now shows blossoms. It gains these warm days. The frost has not hurt the panicle or inflorescence. Very little broom corn is cut in Hadley or Northampton.
Indian corn is hurt with frost; leaves killed; ears not hurt. Most is cut up. Some glazed; some not. Potatoe tops are dead with frost & age. Pumpkin vines are killed. The trees on the mountains are spotted with the colors of autumn; but most is green

Tuesday 27.
Wednesday 28. } Cattle Show. A great multitude
Thursday 29 } of people, it is said. I have not been away from my house.

Friday 30

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Thermometer

		Sunrise	1 P.M.	9 P.M.	
Saturday	1	44.	66	58.	Cloudy. Fog in morning. Rain in night
Sund.	2	57.	67.	54.	Rainy morning. Day partly clear. pt cloudy
	3.	45.	63.	50.	mostly fair.
	4	42.	76.	58	Fair, pleasant warm.
	5	48.	74.	56.	morning foggy. Day fair, pleasant; warm. Halo about the moon in evening.
	6.	49.	56.	46	Fair. Windy.
	7.	39.	60.	50	mostly Fair. somehaze.
	8.	47.	46.	44.	Cloudy & Some Rain. Rain in Evening
Sund	9.	41.	53.	43.	mostly fair.
	10.	37.	52.	38	Fair & cool.
	11	30.	60.	52	Heavy Frost. Day mostly fair
	12	39.	56.	42	mostly fair
	13.	40.	66	57.	mostly fair. mild
	14	53.	70.	53.	Some fair; some cloudy & gusty. mild
	15.	42.	52	37	mostly cloudy. some fair
Sund	16.	29.	50.	36.	Heavy Frost. Day fair. cool.
	17.	29.	55.	53.	part fair. part cloudy
	18.	515.	60.	47.	Rainy day by turns
	19	37	46.	39.	Fair. Windy
	20.	35.	40.	34.	mostly cloudy
	21.	29.	35.	34	mostly cloudy. Some fair. cold
	22	32.	45.	39.	mostly cloudy.
Sund	23.	33.	50.	34.	mostly Cloudy.
	24.	27.	53	45	Sunshine and Clouds
	25.	43.	50.	39	Some sunshine. mostly cloudy.
	26.	25.	36.	31.	mostly fair. cold.
	27.	28.	42.	34	Fair.
	28.	36.	45.	39.	Some fair, some cloudy. Windy.
	29.	30.	44	35	Fair.
Sund.	30	29.	42	37.	Cloudy.
	31.	36.	41.	38.	Cloudy

October 1859

Saturday 1.
A fine, cloudy day. I walked to Hadley, with a ride across Hadley meadow. Rode with Mayor Smith from his house to North Hadley & spent two or three hours with Deac. Jason Stockbridge, an old man. Called at Rev. D. Huntington's on our return. Walked home from Hadley Street.

Broom corn seed is not ripe & will not be; is not grown & not much hangs down. The farmers despair of it getting ripe, & begin to table and cut it. Not much cut yet. The panicles were some injured by frost. The brush will make good brooms.

Indian Corn is generally cut in stacks or bunches.

Potatoes. They are digging them. They are a little injured by disease but not much.

Tobacco was all housed before the frost. Their tobacco barns & sheds have large places left the whole width & length of a board, several inches to let in air. New barns have been built on purpose for tobacco.

Colors increase some on the mountain. mostly brownish yellow, and shades of yellow & brown. not much red. The beech region is much changed.

Sunday 2.
I did not attend meeting. Mr Bingham here in evening.

Monday 3.

Tuesday 4
Warm Evening. Crickets & katadids are noisy.

Wednesday 5

Thursday 6
Son Hopkins and daughter Appia arrived this afternoon from Augusta.

Friday 7

Saturday 8.

Sunday 9
I did not attend meeting.

Monday 10 Hopkins left us for Providence & Newyork

Tuesday 11
First heavy frost. Every thing is cut down. Ice is formed at my house for the first time.

Wednesday 12

Thursday 13 Samuel Edwards sent to day

Apples — Greenings 1/2 bushel — 1 pack quinces.
Buckingham 1/2 "
Baldwins 3 1/2 "
Tall apples 1/2
Sweet 1/4
5 1/4 bushels

apples are scarce.

October 1859.

Friday 14.

Saturday 15

Sunday 16.
I attended meeting A.M. Mr Hall preached.

Monday 17.
I went down the Rail Road at 11. Crossed at Smiths Ferry – dined at Emerson Bates's. Spent some hours at Townclerks office, South Hadley. Went back to Bates's with some town records & sat up till midnight with the records.

Tuesday 18
It was rainy by turns and I remained at Bates's all day, over old records, & was there all night.

Wednesday 19
I rode with Bates & wife to Granby – it was the day of the Granby cattle show. I went to Townclerks office and remained there till towards 5 P.M. & did not regard the show. Rode back with Bates to S. Hadley and remained with him the third night.

Thursday 20.
I left Bates's after breakfast, crossed the river and came up by railroad. Found all well. I took 8 meals at Bate's & none elsewhere. His wife is my niece – I could not make them take any pay.

Foliage of deciduous trees on mountains and low lands, where it has not fallen, is some shade of red, yellow or brown – not bright colors but faded. Fruit trees & some shrubs are green or greenish. Leaves have fallen from many trees.

Friday 21.
A cold, windy, wintry day. Thermometer not above 35° all day.
Son Joseph H. Williams arrived at 9¾ evening.

Saturday 22

Sunday 23.
I attended meeting P.M. Mr Hall preached

Monday 24.
Tuesday 25
Wednesday 26
Thursday 27
Friday 28
Saturday 29. Rode with Joseph, Appia & Penimah to south end of mountain towards Holyoke village, on the new road to Holyoke, over the mountain. Came to an old farm, & a house called Matteawampe – a grog shop probably.
Sunday 30. Did not attend meeting.
Monday 31. Went over to Hadley & back.

November 1859

Thermometer.

		Sunrise.	1 P.M.	9 P.M.	
Tuesday	1	32.	46	34.	mostly cloudy. Some sunshine.
	2	28.	50.	32.	Fair mostly
	3.	31.	45.	29.	Fair.
	4	31.	57.	47	mostly Fair.
	5.	36.	64.	56.	Fair & smoky. Warm
Sund.	6	40.	50.	31.	mostly fair
	7.	25	47.	38.	Fair
	8	38.	56	44	Fair & pleasant
	9.	38.	60.	50	Foggy. Day fair & mild
	10	44.	56.	55	Cloudy. mild
	11	44.	60	30	mostly fair. windy
	12	30	33.	35.	Cloudy. ½ inch snow. Little rain evening
Sund	13.	51.	59.	34	Cloudy. Rainy P.M.
	14.	31.	42	29.	Fair mostly.
	15.	27.	42.	28	Fair & pleasant.
	16.	21.	44.	42.	Fair mostly & pleasant
	17.	35.	53.	43	Fair and pleasant
	18.	42.	56.	54	Fair mostly. Foggy morn. Evg cloudy.
	19	60.	61.	54	Rainy by hours. mild windy night
Sund	20.	44.	47.	30	Some fair. some cloudy.
	21.	24.	40.	34.	Some fair. mostly Cloudy ¾ inch of Snow in the night.
	22	34	39.	35.	Cloudy & some rain.
	23.	40.	41.	35.	Some fair; some cloudy.
	24.	30	36.	30.	Some cloudy. mostly fair
	25.	26.	35.	30.	Some cloudy. Some fair. Snow in night 1 inch
	26.	36.	50.	35.	mostly fair. Some cloudy.
Sund.	27.	36.	42.	35.	mostly Cloudy. Some fair.
	28.	33.	40.	32.	Mostly fair. some cloudy
	29.	32.	41.	31	mostly fair. some cloudy
	30.	30.	52.	41.	Fair & pleasant. mild Halo round moon in evening

November has been a mild month.

November 1859

Tuesday 1.
Today were printed 16 pages of the History of Hadley. 360 to 376. None have been printed before since May. - nothing done for five months. I have been unwell and have had fellon company. I am better but the stomach is out of order, & I seldom have a desire to eat. Yet I do not suffer much, but Remain costive & take fig-jam daily.

Wednesday 2.
Son Joseph H. Williams and daughter Appha W. left us for Boston and Augusta at 11 o'clock. We are now reduced to the old number - three.

Thursday 3.

Friday 4. May. S. Smith of Hadley here most day.

Saturday 5
Went to South Hadley by Smiths Ferry. Dined at E. Bates Conversed with Mrs. Powers, Simeon Judd, Eph. Smith and Jonathan Burnet.

Sunday 6
Did not attend meeting.

Monday 7.

Tuesday 8
Town Meeting for State and county officers. I did not attend.

Wednesday 9.

Thursday 10 } I went to South Hadley
Friday 11 } 10th & came back the 11th

Saturday 12.
Find snow of the season - near ½ inch in all - did not remain, all of it. much base ground.

Sunday 13
The little snow all gone. only a trifle of rain fell last night — But much rain fell this afternoon, after a dry time of 4 weeks or more.

Monday 14
Turnips pulled to day - large French turnips. one or two bushels.

Tuesday 15

Wednesday 16

Thursday 17
16 more pages of the History printed to day. 377 to 392

November 1859

Friday 18.

Saturday 19.

Sunday 20

I did not attend meeting.

Monday 21

Tuesday 22

The ground is all white this morning. About 1 3/4 inch of snow, or near 2 inches, fell in the night. It is a little thawy this morning.

I went down to the centre in the forenoon. The traveling was bad – snow & water, and it rained some.

Wednesday 23

Some snow remains – It went off in the course of the day, nearly all here. The western hills are white.

Thursday 24

Thanksgiving Day. We did not attend meeting. There were three of us at dinner – no more. The day was cold but not unpleasant.

Friday 25.

Saturday 26

Ground white with snow again this morning about an inch fell last night – all melts in course of the day.

Sunday 27.

I did not go to meeting. My health is such that I dislike to sit an hour and a half in the meeting house.

Monday 28 Wrote to D.T. & S.H

Tuesday 29

Wednesday 30. wrote to D.T.

December 1859.

Thermometer.

		Sunrise	1 P.M.	9 P.M.	
Thursday	1	39.	50.	50.	Rainy A.M. mostly cloudy P.M
	2.	48.	59.	48.	Fair & pleasant. Warm.
	3.	28.	24.	20	Cloudy mostly. Cold. Hail in the night
Sund	4.	18.	20.	27	Hail by turns most of day — say 4 inches
	5.	30.	36.	31.	mostly cloudy.
	6.	31.	40.	34	Cloudy. Misty. Bad travelling.
	7	34.	40.	35.	Cloudy. Foggy.
	8	20.	26	12	Fair. cold.
	9.	6.	23.	23.	Fair. cold.
	10	22	21.	13.	Fair. cold
Sund	11.	13.	23.	21	mostly cloudy. cold
	12.	32.	26.	9.	mostly fair. Windy. cold
	13.	12.	24.	14	Fair & pleasant. cold.
	14	16.	21.	24	Cloudy. Little Snow after 4½ P.M. ¾ inch
	15.	24.	32	16.	Mostly fair.
	16.	7.	29.	14.	Fair & pleasant.
	17.	12.	25.	28.	Cloudy Some hail in night.
Sund	18.	29.	34.	30.	Cloudy Little snow — had snow last night and to day 2½ inches.
	19.	31.	45.	36.	Cloudy. Thawy
	20.	30.	32.	34	Snowed most of day — about 10 inches
	21.	31.	38.	24.	Mostly Cloudy
	22.	17.	31.	19.	Fair. pleasant & cold.
	23	13.	26.	11.	Fair pleasant & cold
	24	15.	16	7	Cold & windy. Fair
Sund	25.	10.	23.	20.	Fair & cold
	26.	21.	30.	27.	Cloudy.
	27.	22.	19.	13.	Fair bright & cold
	28.	8 below 0.	7.	6 below 0.	Fair A.M. & cold. pt cloudy P.M. cold.
	29.	11 below 0.	8.	3	Fair & cold. Began to snow in the night
	30.	10.	27	7.	Snowed A.M. 5 inches. Cloudy P.M.
	31	4 below 0.	21.	9.	Fair & cold
		598	876.	643	

Temperature.

at sunrise 19 9/31
at 1 P.M. 28. 5/31
at 9 P.M. 20. 23/31

} Average 22° 71/93.

A cold December, and much good sleighing. very little thawing.

December. 1859.

Thursday 1st.

The first day of this winter month is a very mild day, and not winter like.
My niece, Sarah Hooker, wife of Henry Hooker of Westfield was here at tea, and her two children, Charles & Lucy. She is an excellent woman, (daughter of brother Hall) and has well behaved children. She remains with sister Irene over night.

Friday 2d
A mild, pleasant day - almost like summer
Sarah Hooker & children left after 12, for Westfield
Sister Smith & Irene & John here towards night.
A meeting P.M. in reference to John Brown and his family. He was to be executed to day.

Saturday 3d.
Great change in weather since yesterday. To day is a winter day.

Sunday 4. Still more wintry; cold & hail
Perhaps 4 inches of hail on the ground at night.
A very few sleighs out to day. But few people attended meeting.

Monday 5
Tolerable sleighing.

Tuesday 6. Wrote to D. Turner, & W. Stickney.
Sleighing continues but is becoming poor.

Wednesday 7.
Bad travelling

Thursday 8
Friday 9
Saturday 10
} Sleighing is pretty good and shall improve it these cold days.

Sunday 11
Monday 12
Skating has commenced on the Mill pond

Tuesday 13.
Wednesday 14
Thursday 15 Weather still cold & sleighing good - Pages 393 to 408 of Hadley History printed this week - last 8 pages to-day. Split to three. There is much Skating. Feminine Skaters some

Friday 16. Wrote to D. Turner, Esq. & sent 16 pages of History
Saturday 17.

December 1859

Sunday 18.
Did not attend meeting. About 2½ inches of hail & snow fell last night & to day. Will make fine sleighing, with what was on the ground before.

Monday 19
A thawy day. Snow melted some, & became soft. Sidewalk was not sloshy, however.

Tuesday 20
Moist snow fell 6 or 10 inches to day. It is too heavy to blow. The trees are all loaded and have a handsome dress.

Wednesday 21
Fine sleighing. Thawed very little. A fine body of snow—near a foot & a half, or 18 inches

Thursday 22
Fine weather and fine sleighing
Rode in stage to Amherst after 3 P.M. Staid at Howe's Inn, having borrowed the town records. Had a warm room & sat up till midnight, and then slept in the same room

Friday 23
Was all day in the same room with the same records, and the evening, excepting an hour or two spent at the Lucius Boltwoods.

Saturday 24
Cold, windy day. Started at 8½ A.M. in the stage, & got out at Hadley & went to Mayor Sylvester Smith's. Dined there & staid till 4. Hiram Lyon brought me to the ferry; it was very cold & windy; crossed the river in the ferry boat & walked home, excepting a ride the latter part of the way. I was very cold and hands a little benumbed, but was soon as usual after I reached home.

Sunday 25.

Monday 26
I and wife & Pin dined with Irene & Martha at their residence

Tuesday 27. Fine sleighing every where. cold

Wednesday 28. Very cold night. Therm. at 8 below O. this morning mercury rose to O at 10 A.M. Sunk to O at 5 P.M.

Thursday 29. Still colder. Therm. at 11° below O. this morning mercury rose to O at 12 o'clock, noon. Sunk to O at 6; rose in evening. Letter to D. Turner.

Friday 30. Snow increased 5 inches

Saturday 31. Trees all white with frost. Ther. 4° below O
Fine sleighing.

January 1860

Letters sent — continued from page 231

January 9. Letter to Seth P. Beers, Esq. Litchfield, Con.
9 Letter to Charles Delano, mem. Congres. Washington
9. Note to Chapin with 2$ to pay for Evangelist. N.Y.
10. To brother Johnson about $5. bill lost. & Coll found.
26 To Charles Steames, Esq. Springfield, Mass.
Feb 6. To Ebenezer Clapp Jr. Boston, and to Francis Jackson, on one sheet
6 To Charles Delano, Mem. Congres. Washington
7 To Henry B. Dawson. Morrisania, Westchester Co. N.Y.
April 4 To Ansel Phelps, Greenfield,
4 To Henry H. Hurlbut. Racine, Wisconsin.
6 To Charles J. Hoadly, Hartford, Conn.

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Eatables, Wood, &c. for 1859.

		$
Wood estimated at 7 cords, with sawing splitting, & piling – some soft –	at 5¾ dollars	40.75
I had Jan 1. 1859. 4 cords in woodhouse – cost	$ 20.40	
Have bought since 7 cords, some soft. – cost	38.35	
½ cord from my own maple tree, with	3.00	
	61.75	
deduct 7 cords burnt	40.75	
On hand Jan 1. 1860. 4½ cords, including Willow & Hemlock equal to near 4 cords hard wood, in woodhouse worth 22 dollars or more.		21.00
Sugar. 170 pounds, average 9 cents 10 lbs more &c.		15.30
Molasses 6 gallons at 50c		3.00
Tea 10 lbs or 9¾ lbs (and 1 lb given to Jane) at 50 cents.		4.88
Coffee 6½ lbs, ground, average 20c		1.30
Cocoa 2 lbs at 25c		0.50
Whale Oil 10½ quarts, average 23c		2.42
Kerosene Oil 4 quarts		1.47
Fluid 7¼ gallons average 72c		5.22
Butter 102½ pounds at 22c (should be 98½ lbs)		22.55
Cheese 10¾ lbs at 12c		1.29
Lard 26½ lbs at 15c		3.98
Potatoes 4½ bushels at 60 cents		2.70
Sweet Potatoes 4 half pecks at 22c. or 28 lbs at 3⅛c.		0.88
Apples 7 bushels @ 1.00		7.00
Soap say 50 pounds besides some soft. say.		3.60
Milk 245 quarts at 5 cents		12.25
Eggs 16 doz at 15c		2.40
		131.49

Flour & meal.

307 pounds wheat flour, average 4⅔c		14.32
60 " Indian Meal, bolted, at 3c.		1.80
29 " Graham meal at 4½c.		1.30
35 " Buckwheat flour at 3⅓		1.17
155 " Rye flour @ 3c.		4.65
13 " Common Crackers @ 7c.		0.91
9½ " Soda Crackers @ 10c.		0.95
10½ " Rice @ 6c		0.63
619		25.73

Meat and Fish.

16 lbs Salt Pork @ 12c		1.92
150 lbs Beef at 33 times, from 7c to 12½, average 10c		15.00
4 lbs Veal at 8c		0.32
13½ lbs Lamb @ 10c		1.35
2½ lbs Sausages @ 11c		0.28
2 lbs Dried Beef at 16c		0.32
14¼ lbs smoked Halibut at 11c		1.57
7½ lbs Codfish, dry mostly, at 5c.		0.36
say 2 lbs Fish at 25c. and 1 at 28c.		1.78
230 2 Fowls 5½ lbs @ 12c		0.66
		23.56
		$ 180.78

January 1860

Eatables, Wood, &c. for 1860.

Jan 1. Wood on hand in Woodhouse. Jan 1. 1860 equal to near 4 cords hard wood } say 22.00.

6. 152 feet oak wood of S. Jewett. $6.18. Sawing &c. 92c
18. S. Edwards 128 feet, 20.133 feet, 24 130 feet } Sawing, splitting, &c. $4.93
Feb 22 of E. Bartlett 1/8 cord $5.62 paid. See page 222

Sugar on hand 1 lb. $1.00. 4½ lbs K. 9½ lbs K. 6/ 9½ lbs paid S.C.P. 6/ mch 5. 9¾ lbs 6/ march 11. C.

Molasses on hand 3/4 pt. 19c. 1 Gal 50c. K. 1 Gal 50c K march 17

Tea on hand 1/4 lb. 65c. 1/2 lb 25c. K. 1 lb/pd 50c. 1 lb. 50c/pd

Coffee. O. 1 lb 23c Jan. 6. W 1 lb 23c march 29. K.
Cocoa. O.
Whale oil 1/4 pt. 11c. 1 qt 22c

Kerosene Oil 2 qts. 55c. 2 qts 50c. W. apl 6
Fluid on hand 3 qts. 53c. 1 Gal 70c. K

Butter 2½ lbs at 22c. In Jan. 9 lbs 2/ at 22c. $1.79. 5 lbs 153 c. Feb. $1.30. 5 lbs 73 mch $1.19

Cheese. O. 1¾ lbs at 15c. March 14. T.

Lard 3 lbs at 15c. 6 lbs T. at 15c. 11½ lbs 15c. T. 12¾ lbs. 15c T. 11

Wheat Flour, 19c 4 lbs. Jan 3. 49 lbs flour $2.19. Feb 19. 98 lbs $4.25

Indian Meal 3 2 lbs. 8 lbs

Buckwheat flour. 12½ lbs at 3¼c Jan 3. 8½ lbs at 3c/pd. 8 lbs at 3c/pd
Rye flour 20 lbs 3c
Graham flour. 1½ lbs 4½c Jan 3.
Salt Pork on hand 17 lbs ; Ham 3½ lbs at 15c/pd.
Beef on hand 8c 5 lbs. 5½ lbs T. 5½ lbs T. 5½ lbs. T. 2 lbs 12c/pd. 3 3/4 lbs T. 3 3/4 10 c/pd. $ 3 3/4 lbs. 11

Salmon 1 3/4 lbs at 14c. Fresh fish 3½ lbs at 5c

Soap on hand, plenty a box.
Potatoes 2 pecks 3c. 1 bushel T. ½ bushel of S. Edwards march 30.

Apples on hand 2¼ bushels. 1 bushel $1.00 Mch 6.

Eggs, some packed last May.
Raisins 3 lbs, 6 lbs at 15c. Currants 2 lbs at 12½c

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Thermometer

	Sunrise	1 P.M.	9 P.M.	
Sunday 1	6 below 0.	17.	at 0.	Fair & cold
2.	13 below 0.	10.	3 below 0.	Fair & cold. Bright Sunshine.
3.	10 below 0.	10.	14.	Fair & cold
4.	11 —	26.	13.	Cloudy mostly.
5.	4.	16.	14.	Fair & bright. cold
6.	11.	25.	18	Fair & bright. milder.
7.	17.	38.	38.	Cloudy day. Rain in evening & night.
Sund 8.	35.	44.	30.	Cloudy & foggy. Thawy.
9	32.	47.	31.	Sunshine & some haze. Thawy
10	33.	46.	35.	Sunshine & haze. Thawy
11	32.	41.	38.	Cloudy A.M. & P.M. Little drizzle. Thawy
12.	26.	30	15	Snowed 2½ inches A.M. Fair ~~mostly~~ P.M.
13.	20.	22.	11.	mostly fair. Cool.
14.	11.	26.	23.	{Cloudy. Snowed 1 inch, and one inch in the night
Sund 15.	26.	39.	35.	Fair & pleasant. Thawed some
16.	29.	46.	30	Fair & pleasant. Thawy
17.	20.	41.	25	Mostly Fair. Some Thawy.
18.	16.	30.	24	Sunshine & haze. Cold.
19.	23.	32.	24.	Fair & cold
20.	24.	40.	28.	Fair mostly. some cloudy.
21.	27.	52.	39	Mostly Fair. Warm & Thawy
Sund. 22.	32.	48.	36.	Sunshine & Clouds. Warm & Thawy
23.	35.	41.	26.	Fair mostly. Thawy
24.	18.	44.	37	Cloudy. Thawed a little.
25.	39.	44.	32.	{Sunshine and many clouds. Thawy cloudy P.M. Rain in night.
26	22.	33.	25.	Partly fair A.M. Cloudy P.M. no thawing.
27.	16.	30.	23	Fair & bright. Thawed a little. Cloudy some P.M.
28.	16.	26.	18.	Cloudy. Little snow P.M.
Sund 29.	4.	26.	21.	Fair & cold.
30.	28.	46.	30.	Mostly Fair. Thawy.
31.	34.	39.	12	mostly cloudy. Snowed in the night
	612.	1055.	742	

Temperature

At sunrise $19^{0}\frac{23}{31}$
At 1 P.M. $34\frac{1}{31}$
At 9 P.M. $23\frac{29}{31}$
} average $25^{0}\frac{28}{31}$.

January has been moderate except a few days. Milder than last year, but not so mild as 1858. An abundance of good sleighing.

January 1860:

Money Matters. Receipts.

Jan. 1	Balance on 267th page		$23.78
7.	Bost & Prov. Rail Road Dividend. by Parkman, Agt.		40.00
24.	Rec'd $5. of Brother Johnson, which I supposed had been paid to me for another person & lost. But I had never received it.		5.00.
Feb 22	Cash of E. Bartlett, to balance for use of land	(222 page)	0.38
March 9	Cash of Rev. J. S. Judd for Genealogies		1.00
April 4	Dividend at Greenfield Bank, 4 per cent		60.00

Escpenditures.

Jan. 2.	Paid Mrs Jewett for 52½ quarts of milk, since Oct 1. at 5c.		2.63
2.	Paid at Post Office 42c for self & others. Pin 3c. 10 stamps 30c.		0.75
3	Paid account at Thayer & Sergeants to Jan. 1.		8.27
3	Envelopes & Almanac 31c. Butter of Hoxie in Dec'r 85c.		0.96
6	Postage 7c & 7c. 152 feet oak wood $6.18. stamps 10c.		6.42.
9	Sent to Hopkins $2. to pay for Evangelist. Sawing wood 92c.		2.92
11	Lost $5. I know not how. 10th. Paid Thayer & Sergeant $3.		8.00
	Paid Pin 10c. 2c. Potatoes 17c. Gave Peninnah $1.00		1.29
18.	Sent by brother Parsons $2.40 to pay my Williamston Tax for 1859		2.40
25.	Pencil 5c. 2 lbs figs 30c. Yeast 3c. (3½ Butter 8 lbs. at 37½c. $1.75)		2.17
			35.81
Feb. 2.	8 lbs Indian meal boiled 24c. Salmon 25c. Lecture for Pen 25c.		0.74
	Paid Swift for work on shoes, by way of Frances 1.33		1.33
16.	1 lb Prunes 12c. 1 lb Tea of S.C.P. 50c. ½ Tea 6c. Sundry 2c.		0.70
21	Paid Kingsley for ½ bbl flour $4.25. fresh fish 17c.		4.42
23.	mending dipper 6c. Matches 10c. Ham 3½ lbs 52c. Buckwheat 25.		0.93.
March 3.	Trimming Grape vines (Isaac J. Clark) 75c. fig Jam 25c.		1.00
6.	Sugar of S.C. Parsons 1.00. Butter in Feb. 1.30. 1 bush Apples of Hoxie 1.00		3.30
9.	Beef 4c. Potatoes 8c. maple sugar 6c. Pelts 6c. (1 lb Tea S.C.P. 50 March 14)		0.94
10.	Rail Road to & from Greenfield 1.30. ½ Ferry 6c.		1.36
14	yeast 3c. paid Bela Stacky for work on wood $3. Soap & thing 10		3.13
17	My Gazette for 1860. $1.75 do for June 1.50. Linen &c 11c.		3.36
26	Beef 35c. Peninnah for Pail 1.00. Strong for work on wood 1.93.		3.28
29	Stamps 15c. Tacks 6c. Cheese 20c. Stove blacking 10c. 5c		0.56
			60.86
April 3.	5 lbs 7½ Butter in March 1.19. Beef 46c. P.O. 13c. S.C. Field's Bill $2.05		3.83
4.	Paid Wood & Kingsley acct from Oct 1. to Jan. 1. 1860		9.72
4 "	Stoddard & Lincoln Oct 1859 to this date		7.71
4 "	Thayer & Sargeant Jan 1 to this date		7.37
4 "	Mrs Jewett milk 3 mo. to April 1. 47¼ qts 5c.		2.36.
4	Peninnah 25c Postage 10c. Buckwheat 24c.		

January 1860

Sunday 1.
The new year begins with the Thermometer 6 degrees below zero, and 15 a 16 inches of snow on the ground on a level, and fine sleighing. The snow is not drifted, but the last that fell will make large drifts when the wind blows.

Monday 2.
Very cold. Therm. 13° below O, a little before sunrise. 5th morning that the mercury has fallen below O. A fair, keen, cold day

Tuesday 3
Another morning of severe cold. Therm, 10° below O. The days are fair & bright but very cold. The sleighing is the best that can be. — Therm went up to O at 10. A.M.

Wednesday 4 Weather has moderated

Thursday 5. still cold.

Friday 6. milder.

Saturday 7 more mild. Some rain in Evening.

Sunday 8. Thawy & cloudy. Eaves run and snow is soft. Wife & Capt. Samuel Parsons buried today. I could not attend.

Monday 9.
Another thawy day, with sunshine. Snow soft. not a great deal of water runs into the streams. Rec'd of Geo. Sheldon $19. 50 for Frances. [Paid it to her Sunday evening. Jan. 15.

Tuesday 10
Another thawy day. Streams do not rise much.

Wednesday 11.
Still thawy.

Thursday 12.
Not thawy. Showed 2½ inches A.M. ~~Fair in the P.M.~~

Friday 13

Saturday. 14.

Sunday 15. mild & pleasant.
I went to meeting P.M. Have not been before for a long time) — Sleighing & walking good.

Monday 16
We were married 49 years ago.

Tuesday 17.
Thaws some but not much water in the road.
Good sleighing & walking.
We heard to-day that my grandson Albert H. Judd, died at the house of his father, J.W. Judd aft Brooklyn. N.Y. on Sunday the 15th. He came from Sea, having been to China, several voyages since, sick with consumption, & has gradually sunk under the disease. He has manifested since he came home, a dutiful & kind disposition, and behaved well on the voyage. He was almost 26 years old. He will be buried at Hartford tomorrow, when other of his children are buried.

Wednesday 18.
Sons J. Walker & Hopkins arrived in the evening between 9 & 10. They came to Hartford with the remains of Albert, and after they were laid in the grave, they remained in Hartford some hours, and then came up in the Latrobe train.

Thursday 19
We had at tea sons J.W. & Hopkins; sister Irene & Martha; Sister Sally & her dau. Irene and a grandson — 10 in all

Friday 20.
We had at dinner two sons & sister Sally & her dau. Irene & grandson — Sons left us for New York ¼ before 5. P.M.

Saturday 21.
A spring like day. Water ran merrily in the streets. Some bare spots. The travelled road looks very dark colored.

Sunday 22
Another Spring-day, but more clouds & not quite so warm. I attended meeting A.M. Mr. ____ preached. I observed fans in motion in the house, but not many.

Monday 23.

Tuesday 24
We had at dinner, Sister Irene & Martha, and Sister Sally and her dau. Irene. and at an after dinner, brother Johnson and Drusilla & John Smith. John came last night to carry home his mother and Irene; and they started at 3½ P.M. George Smith came home the grandson last week. Sally and Irene her daughter have been at Sister Matthews & my house since Wednesday last — Brother Johnson & Drusilla left with the others.

January 1860

Wednesday 25

It thawed much last night - perhaps rained some. Many bare spots appear in the roads and about houses, but not in fields. The sleighing is still pretty good.
P.S. It rained in the night.

Thursday 26

Friday 27.

It has not thawed much since Wednesday night. Sleighing is not so good as it has been in the village, but is much used.

Saturday 28

It is becoming colder. We have had mild weather for three weeks, and good sleighing almost all the time, in the middle of winter.

Sunday 29

Cold. I did not attend meeting. Mr. Hall preached about gambling in the forenoon. That vice is among us, and almost all other vices.

Monday 30.

A very fine soon after 4 o'clock this morning. William Clark's paper mill was burnt. A great loss to him, though he is heavily insured, and many people, who were employed by him, who have lost their employment for the present. The Gazette says the mill and machinery were insured for $23.000 and the stock for $18.000, making 41.000 dollars. The loss is estimated by some at 55.000 to 60.000 dollars. This is doubtless much too high. — There is no reason to suppose that it was the work of an incendiary.

About midnight, after Monday, a small barn was burnt by an incendiary, at the foot of Pancake Plain. It belongs to Joseph Allen 2d. A negro was arrested and confessed that he set it on fire, & was lodged in jail — so says the Gazette.

Tuesday 31

Snowed in the night 3 or 4 inches with much wind.

February. 1860.

		Thermometer Sunrise	10 P.M.	9 P.M.	
Wednesday	1	2.	7.	3 below 0.	Mostly Fair. Cold
	2	14 below 0.	14.	4	mostly heazy cold. some sunshine
	3	2 below 0.	18.	16.	mostly fair. cold
	4.	16	29.	23.	Cloudy. Little Snow
Sund.	5.	18.	37.	31.	Cloudy. unpleasant. Some rain & Thawing in night
	6.	34	42.	36.	Thawy. Gentle rain.
	7	30.	46.	31.	Cloudy. Thawy
	8.	19.	38.	25	pt Cloudy. part Fair. Some Thawy
	9.	14.	39.	34	Sunshine. Some haze. Thawy. High Wind in night
	10.	12.	15	11.	Sunshine, windy & cold
	11.	6.	23.	15.	Sunshine & haze. cold.
Sund	12.	8.	22.	13.	Fair & bright. cold.
	13.	11.	32.	32	Fair & pleasant. Thawed some.
	14	29.	32.	17.	Cloudy. Some Sunshine P.M.
	15.	10.	32.	21.	Mostly Cloudy & unpleasant Snowed 4 inches in the night
	16	20.	32.	22.	Snowed about 4 inches. 8 in all
	17.	7.	14.	4	Fair & bright sun. Cold
	18	16 below 0.	11	13.	Cloudy. Cold. Snowed all P.M. 8 in.
Sund	19.	18.	28.	14	Sunshine & haze.
	20.	14.	32	22.	Sunshine & Clouds
	21.	12.	43.	28.	Fair, pleasant, mild. Thawy
	22.	22.	40.	44	Cloudy. Rainy after 5 P.M.
	23.	41	52	41.	Foggy. Cloudy. Some sunshine P.M. Shower P.M. Very Thawy
	24.	32.	40.	30	Cloudy & sunshine. Thawy
	25	22	32.	24	mostly fair. Thawed a little.
Sund	26.	16.	32.	23.	Fair & pleasant. Thawed some
	27.	27.	48.	38	Fair. Pleasant. Thawy.
	28.	33.	48.	35	Cloudy. Thawy
	29	32	42	36.	Cloudy. Thawy. Rainy on night

290 February 1860

Wednesday 1.
It snowed last night with much wind. Perhaps 3 or 4 inches fell, and it was very cold. Very cold to day. Sleighs run briskly. The snow is much blown, but no great drifts.

Thursday 2.
Coldest morning this winter. 14° below O. at sunrise. Mercury did not rise to zero until 10 o'clock.

Friday 3.
Cold has moderated, but mercury 2° below O, at sunrise. Fine sleighing.

Saturday 4.
Mrs. Isaac Clark & her niece Hattie Cleary, Eliza Sisto Irene & Illeatha were here at tea and in the evening.

Sunday 5.
I did not attend meeting.

Monday 6.

Tuesday 7.
much snow has carried off yesterday, and it thaws much to day. Sleighing in the village is not good, but sleighs are very plenty.
Brother Parsons & wife & Irene & Illeatha here at tea and till 8 o'clock.

Wednesday 8

Thursday 9
They are skating again in the forenoon, but it is not very good. Sleighing in the village has many bare spots. — Violent wind in night.

Friday 10

Saturday 11
Pennyah & a multitude of others skated to day on the Connecticut, near the great Bridge.

Sunday 12
Cold. I did not go out

Monday 13

Tuesday 14.

Wednesday 15

Thursday 16
Last night & to day 8 inches of snow fell, & sleighs go easily again. They have not stopped.

February 1860

Friday 17

Saturday 18.

It snowed all P.M and evening. 8 inches more I think, making 16 inches ~~since~~ Wednesday night A heavy body of snow. It has not blown yet but is dry, and will go into huge drifts if the wind rises.

Sunday 19.

The snow did not blow to day. There is a large body of it, but sleighs go without difficulty. Side paths for foot-people are made by snow ploughs at every snow of any depth.

Monday 20 a still day

Tuesday 21.

A fine, pleasant day. Some water in the streets, and sidewalks splashy in some spots, but walking and sleighing not bad. Robins were here ~~to day~~ ~~Sunday~~

Wednesday 22. Robins here to-day Thawy. Rainy evening.

Thursday 23. Pages of Hadley History 409 to 424 printed Warm & much thawing. Much water running. Much of the deep snow is gone and almost all in the streets.

We had at tea in evening, Mr. Silsbee, wife and daughter, Miss Julia Clark, Miss Elizabeth Lyman and Martha Matthews.

Friday 24.

Thawy. Bad walking & sleighing in the village

Saturday 25.

At tea in evening, Peninnah had Jane & Martha, and Miriam Clark, Julia Shepard, Emily Jewett, Sarah Clark of Wmn.

Sunday 26.

Monday 27. Warm and Thawy.

Tuesday 28 Warm and Thawy

Wednesday 29. Warm & Thawy.

March 1860

Thermometer

		Sunrise.	1 P.M.	9 P.M.	
Thursday	1	35	42.	38.	Rainy most of day. Some fog.
	2	42.	53.	42	Fair. mild, pleasant.
	3.	30.	45.	40.	Cloudy. Rain in Evening
Sund	4	44.	44.	34.	Some cloudy. some fair. windy.
	5.	25.	42	33	mostly Fair.
	6.	30.	46.	33.	Fair
	7.	30.	39.	33	Snowed 2 inches A.M. Some rain P.M
	8	34.	43.	36.	Cloudy.
	9	32.	41.	30.	Snowed 1 inch. Day mostly cloudy.
	10.	24	29.	24	Sunshine & clouds. windy. cool.
Sunds	11	20.	38.	29.	Sunshine & Clouds. windy
	12	29.	35.	34	Cloudy. Snowed 3 inches,
	13.	30	38.	32.	Cloudy mostly. Some sunshine
	14.	29.	43.	30	Cloudy A.M. Some sunshine P.M.
	15.	22.	50.	35.	Fair & pleasant.
	16.	25.	52	37.	Fair and Pleasant
	17	26.	50.	38.	Fair A.M. Cloudy P.M.
Sund	18.	35.	53.	41.	Fair & pleasant
	19.	28.	54	40.	Fair & pleasant.
	20.	34	50	35.	Sunshine and Clouds.
	21.	31.	35.	25	Sunshine A.M. Cloudy & windy P.M.
	22.	22.	31.	17	Cloudy. Snowed 1 inch. cold.
	23.	18.	38.	29.	mostly Fair.
	24.	27.	42.	28.	mostly Fair.
Sund	25.	27.	38	27	Cloudy mostly.
	26.	24	42.	28.	Fair.
	27.	26.	42	29	Fair
	28	23.	52.	35.	Some fair. Some cloudy.
	29.	28.	50	34	Sunshine and Clouds
	30.	26.	64.	46	Fair and warm
	31.	37	71.	56	Smoky. Sunshine. Warm

March 1860

Thursday 1.
The thaw & rain have carried off much of the snow and the sleighing is poor. There is more snow west of us. Both sleighs & wagons are seen. There is no good sleighing in this village.

Friday 2.
It cleared off last evening, and became fair, but the weather became warmer.

Saturday 3.
Bluebirds are musical this morning. They have been about some days, but I have seen none before.
The ice is said to have gone from the Connecticut. The Western hills are spotted & snow is mostly gone from eastern hills.

Sunday 4.

Monday 5.

Tuesday 6.
Blackbirds & song sparrows are here.
Travelling from my house to the centre is mostly dry and good.

Wednesday 7.

Thursday 8
We hear to day of the death of brother Hall at Greenfield this morning. He has long been unwell.

Friday 9
Wrote to Brother Parsons & Brother Johnson about the death of brother Hall, & time of funeral. Letters will not reach them in season for the funeral, which is to be at 11 A.M. tomorrow. He was 65 years old.

Saturday 10
Rode in the cars to Greenfield with sister Irene to attend the funeral of brother Hall. A kind & worthy brother has left us. His children were all there except Edward, who is at El Paso, Texas. His sisters, only Irene and Sally were there. Came home before 6 P.M. Windy & cool.

Sunday 11

Monday 12.
I walked to Hadley before 10. Spent the day at Mayor Smiths. His son brought me to the river, & I recrossed home at 6. P.M. It snowed 3 inches, but I was not so much of it.

Tuesday 13.

Wednesday 14.

Thursday 15

Friday 16
We had company at tea, Mrs Wood & daughter, Mrs Bridgman & daughter, Irene & daughter.

March 1860

Saturday 17.

Sunday 18

Monday 19

Samuel Edwards's old note, dated June 7. 1842.
Intrest paid yearly 7 years to June 7 1849. 500$.
Due June 7. 1849 — 1 $500
Intrest to Nov. 17. 1849 — 13.33
Paid Nov 17. 1849 — 400
Intrest to June 7. 1850 — 3.33
Due June 7. 1850. pinicipal 100 — Intrest — 16.66 — $116.66
Principal & Intrest June 7. 1850 — 116.66
Intrest 1 year to June 7. 1851 — 7.00
do " to June 7. 1852 — 7.42
do " to June 7 1853 — 7.86
do " to June 7. 1854 — 8.33
do " to June 7 1855 — 8.83
156.10
Paid 20 dollars April 13. 1855 + Intrest to June 7. 18, 20.18
Due June 7. 1855 — 135.92
Intrest on this sum to this date, 4 years, 9 months and 12 days, at the rate of $8.15 cents per year — 38.99
Due March 19. 1860 — 174.91

I this day gave up the old note, and discharged the mortgage which secured it, as Edwards had sold the place mortgaged, and had sued A. Kingsley for part of the debt which remains unpaid. I took a new note of Samuel and Theophilus Edwards for $174.91 dated this day. Expect they will make me a payment when they get money of Kingsley. If not I shall want security for this and any other notes against him.
I did business with Theophilus, the son.

Sawmill Logs.

Monday 19.
Examined Logs at Damons Sawmill. most had been sawed. Those that remained were mostly chestnut; some white pine & hemlock - very few others Damon said they had had fewer logs than usual, but the proportion of pine & chestnut was not very different from 10 years ago. Not a few were small, the largest about two feet in diameter - not many above 18 inches.
I examined the concentric circles of some pines & chestnuts. I judged that those that grew the fastest took to make 18 or 20 inches in diameter - pines 30 years and chestnuts 50 years. White pines grew faster than chestnuts - perhaps not on same land. Some small pines gained nearly an inch in a year.

See April 16. 1847
Nat Hist. 2. 55. Logs at Hart's Brook sawmill in Hadley May 10. 1845, were chiefly Pine & Chestnut.
Note Book. April 4. 1846. Logs at Smith's sawmill, Fort river. Hadley. were mostly white & yellow pine, Chestnut and oak. very little hemlock.
Note Book April 14. 1846. Timber at Hadley mill yards sent to Northampton yards - mostly White pine, much yellow pine, chestnut, oak & some maple. more oak at Plainville than at other sawmills. Hatfield mill yard like Northampton & Hadley. Long logs 50 or 60 feet at North Hadley mill

Tuesday 20
Wednesday 21.
Thursday 22.
Col. Barnet's barn burnt last night, between 9 & 10.

Friday 23.
The ground is mostly covered with the small snow of yesterday. this morning. Went off in the course of the day. The north sides of Holyoke & Tom are mostly white.

Saturday 24. Father's first attack to-day down st. Lucius Clark brought him home - my old neighbor Elihu C. Hunt died at Springfield March 20 and was brought through Northampton yesterday, to be buried in Westhampton

Sunday 25
Monday 26

Tuesday 27
Maj. S. Smith of Hadley here some hours and at dinner Frances came in evening.

Wednesday 28.
Thursday 29.
Took tea with wife at Rene's.

Friday 30
A warm day. Vegetation advances. Elm buds are much swelled. The Snowdrop & crocus showed flowers to-day at Mr. Silsbee's.

Saturday 31. A still warmer day - almost like Summer. Buds swell more & more. Birds are very musical. Frogs peep this evening. Roads are dry generally.

296 April 1860

	Thermometer			
	Sunrise.	P.M.	9 P.M.	
Sunday 1	45.	61.	45.	Sunshine & smoke A.M. Clouds & smoke P.M.
2.	26.	32.	23.	Fair & cold. Smoke gone.
3.	20.	39.	36.	Sunshine & Clouds. Windy & unpleasant.
4	36.	53.	40.	Cloudy. Rain in the night
5.	43.	60.	43.	Fair and pleasant. Fast day.
6.	36.	51.	36.	Sunshine A.M. Cloudy mostly P.M.
7.	28.	52.	40.	Fair & pleasant.
Sund 8.	36.	44.	44.	Rainy A.M. Cloudy P.M.
9.	43.	48.	44	Foggy & Cloudy. Cloudy all day
10.	40.	42	39	Cloudy day
11.	38.	47	42	cloudy -
12.	32	57	45	clear
13	43	46	39	
14	33°	44	27	

April 1860

Sunday 1.
The month begins with warm, smoky, dry weather. It has been so two days past, and the sun rises & sets shorn of his beams, and of a red color. But few spots of snow on hills or in valleys, to be seen.
I attended meeting A.M. and P.M. Have not been before for a long time. Mr Hall's preaching not so edifying as sometimes. About envy A.M. and the fall of the walls of Jericho, P.M. to illustrate their faith.
A third warm day. Mr Silsbee here in evening.
Phebes sang today. Robins have a regular song, and had yesterday. Frogs peep again this evening. Only 5 kinds of birds yet? Robin, bluebird, blackbird, song sparrow, pe[illegible]

Monday 2. Cool again. Great change since yesterday.
Vegetation.
I walked down into Paradise P.M. Found very little change in any thing, except the river, low willows, have catkins 3/4 inch long. Alder catkins have not begun to elongate. Red maples have swelled buds.
On the street and near houses, elms have buds considerably swelled, & the tops are more dense and darker colored. Red maple buds are a little reddish, not much. Sugar maples have buds a little swelled. Lilac buds are enlarged.
I dug my parsnips today. Some very long & large.

Tuesday 3
Took tea at Mr Woods with wife, Pris and several neighbors.

Wednesday 4.
Vegetation
Primulas are in blossom in Miss Jewett's garden. The most early sort.
Tulips have leaves 3 inches long.
Chickweed has blossoms in my garden.
Violets in warm, early spots show blossoms, a few.
Silver Poplar has short catkins, or beginning of catkins.
Men are carrying manure into meadows.
Roads are dry, and dust flies.
There has been no flood this year.
Mrs Butler (widow of Elihu Butler & daughter of Quartus Pomeroy) here last night & today.

Thursday 5. State Fast.
I attended meeting A.M. in the old meeting House. Mr Hall preached. Mr Eddy not well. The lower floor of the house was more than half filled, & some above. As many attended meeting as for some years past. Many were riding, sporting & amusing themselves, and some at work. There was no preaching P.M. but prayer meeting, &c.
It was a fine, spring-like day, though not so warm as one or two before, and vegetation was advanced.

See next page.

April, 1860.

Thursday 5 — continued.

Vegetation.

I walked over Round Hill, into Mr Bright's Garden and to some other places. P.M.

Siberian Spiraea on Round Hill has leaves an inch long a few, and many 3/4 of an inch.

Trumpet Honeysuckle on R. H. has some leaves 3/4 inch

Flowering Currant, yellow } both have opening leaves,
Gooseberry bushes } and a few small leaves are open —

Crocus blossoms are plenty at Brights.

Daffodils at Brights have large flower buds.

Peony of some kind at Brights has shot up 2 inches.

Crown Imperial at Brights is 5 inches high & some 6.

Trailing Arbutus. Flowers were gathered to day in western part of the town — looked as if they had been in blossom a day or two. I understood that only a few could be found.

Hyacinths show clusters of flower buds in Peninnah's garden & at Brights. No blossoms.

Mezereon has blossoms at Mr Stoddards & Mr Brights

Yellow Willows have a yellow appearance and are very distinct at a distance. Leaves not open.

Button ball. The upper part of body & limbs very white.

Poplars (P. grandidentata) are bud to the naked eye; male trees have catkins 3/4 of an inch in length; female trees have catkins more slender 1/2 inch long

Brook Willows have catkins an inch long & showy.

Shepherds Purse is in blossom in my garden.

Lilacs have large leaf buds. are not opening.

Prospect from Round Hill.

Deciduous trees on the mountains, Holyoke, &c, are grey, & evergreens dark green. little or no change.

Grass lands in the meadows are all of a light brown.

Grass about some buildings, in spots in hollows, and in places by roadsides, is green or greenish.

Elms continue to advance. Buds quite large.

Frogs peep this evening, as they have in several warm evenings.

Birds. I hear no new kinds — Any blue birds, robins, blackbirds & Phebes and Song Sparrows

Pigeons. Large flocks have passed over this town, and towns west of this. I have seen one large flock, flying northeasterly.

Meadow Lark was here April 6, and probably before.

Elms are in blossom April 5, or some are.
The clusters of flowers have some of them shot forth, and show green pedicels or threads and a brown or reddish brown cup. Stamens & styles do not project. Most of the buds are not yet fully open.

Adder tongue. Flowers were gathered April 7. Had been open a day or two

Golden Winged Woodpecker was heard April 8. Phebe ~~Spring~~ (subject to kinds of spring birds)

April. 1860.

Friday 6.

Saturday 7.

Sunday 8.
Rainy. I did not attend meeting.

Monday 9
The season is 3 or 4 days earlier than last year

Tuesday 10
Children were gathering dandelions for greens

April. 26th " Garden made and planted -

May 6th " Corn and bush beans up -

" 7th " Gathered Rhubarb for sauce.

" 9th " Set out a row of Raspberry roots that Mr Wm Clarke gave me. A few of them a choice variety - called Brinkley's Orange.

" 12. Planted 12 hills corn.

" 19. A bout 4 o'c A.M. Thunder & shower came up - rained powerfully.

" 25. Planted more bush-beans & beets - Planted over some of the Lima beans. Cut-worms are numerous & destructive -

June 5. Planted 12 hills corn & bush beans. Lima beans of the first-planting are climbing the poles -

" 8. Yellow Tryst Lane come. I have injured squash vines by using ashes too freely in wet weather.

" 13. Mr Edwards brought - Two demijohns of vinegar. The blossoms of the wild grape begin to perfume the air.

" 15. Lightening bugs are seen to night - Tomato plants planted in pots are in blossom.

" 17. Lima Beans first-planted are in blossom. Frances here till after dinner.

" 20. Sowed Turnips. June 27. Summer squash & cucumbers in blossom.

" 22. Planted 12 hills corn. 28th " June. Prairie & Bolt more Belle roses opening.

" 26. Uncle Parsons & Aunt Betsey & Aunt Irene here to tea.

" 29. I walked out to Florence. Spent the day with Frances, returning after tea with Katy. Several thunder showers in the aft. Powerful wind & rain between 5 & 6 P.M. which injured several fine trees in town. The beautiful weeping elm in front of Mr Jewett's house is nearly spoiled, by the loss of one of its finest branches which overhung the road - Mr Jewett told me "it would be a weeping elm to Emily."
My first-corn is tasseling out - It was badly beaten down by the shower. String beans nearly large enough to cook.

" 27. Wrote Ellis Caulkins & Appleton.

" 18. Wrote Thusa. Elizabeth. Hopkins. Appleton & H. Mc. Harlbut. Wisconsin

" 22. " Park. 26th " Wrote Mr Savage.

" 30. Have picked about a pint & a half of strawberries from our bed this past-week.

" Aunt Irene has made an arrangement so that we use the same Post-Office box, Our old box, No 80.

June. 1860.

Thermometer

		Sunrise.	10 A.M.	9 P.M.	
Friday	1.	58	77	60	Showery
	2.	57	70	57	Cloudy A.M. Fair P.M.
	3.	56		62	Fair
	4.	49	80	64	Fair
	5.	59	62	57	Rainy
	6.	53	75	57	Cloudy A.M. Variable P.M.
	7.	54	67	61	Somewhat rainy.
	8	54	77	58	Mostly fair.
	9	48	71	59	Fair.
	10	58	69	56	Fair.
	11	49	71	57	Fair
	12	42	79	61	Fair
	13	48	82	64	Fair.
	14	50	85	66	Fair.
	15	52	81	62	Thunder shower P.M.
	16	59	81	61	Fair A.M. Shower P.M.
Sunday	17	59	80	63	Fair A.M. Showery P.M.
	18	61	75	62	Mostly fair
	19	59	70	64	Mostly cloudy
	20	59	71	57	Rainy.
	21	57	65	52	Mostly cloudy -
	22	42	76	59	Fair.
	23	57	82	62	Mostly fair
Sunday	24	58	77	62	Fair
	25	50	79	63	Fair
	26	57	79	68	Fair
	27	63	79	62	Fair
	28	50	80	69	Fair
	29	58	80	69	Thunder Shower P.M., with powerful wind & rain
	30	68	77	67	Fair.

July. 1st " Sunday. Tall white lilies opening today.

" 2d " I set my corn upright that was prostrated on the 29th June.

" 3d Had our first string beans to day. a week earlier than last year.

" 4th A very quiet, comfortable day. Bro. Sarah Hookes & family with Mr Brigham her minister's two children made us an hour's call to-day. Had a fine shower last night which laid the dust & every thing is very fresh & green today.

" 5th Winter squashes have been in bloom some days. garden looks finely.

" " Picked ripe currants for tea.

" 6th Mother walked into King St with me, & called at Mr Shepard's.

" 13th Made 5 gallons currant wine & 5 lbs jelly. We have an abundance of beautiful currants.

" 18th Had our first cucumbers today. Beets are of good size. Summer squashes have been large enough for cooking some days. The crickets have come. Planted more corn on the 4th — an experiment.

" 19 Bro. J. Edwards & family call.

" 21st Thusa & Bessie came from Orange. arrived on the last train. We were not expecting them & had gone to bed & put out the lights.

" 26th Cousin Martha came from Augusta in the last train.

" 28th Mother, Thusa Bessie & I went out to Westhampton. hired a carryall for the purpose. called on Aunt Lyman, Aunt Betsey. Aunt Hooker. H. Hosie's took dinner & tea with Frances. Had a fine time. except that mother got too many, & the next day

Sunday 29th Rebecca Ann died nearly all day. Had our first corn from the garden today. Mother is better today.

August. 1st We took tea at Aunt Irene's.

" 2d Thusa, Bessie & I went to Hockanum. took dinner & tea with Aunt Priscilla. Myron J. brought us nearly home. Thusa & B. went to the top of Mt. Holyoke. going up the stairs instead of the old path. I went with them half way when I gave out with fatigue, & returned to our starting place to wait for them. Perfect day. Thusa hired a man to carry us to the ferry for 50 cents.

" 3d " Hope's 37th birth-day. The Silsbees were here to tea.

" 4th Uncle P. & Aunt Betsey here to tea with Aunt I. & co.

" 9th Park came from Orange with Sarah & Mabel where they have been visiting Walker in his new home.

14th I find my best corn entirely prostrated by the rain of last night. Get Theop. Edwards & he is now engaged to help me set it upright.

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July.	Sunrise.	1 o'clock.	9 o'clock.	
Sunday 1.	62	76	61	Fair.
2.	55	78	61	Fair.
3.	53	75	65	Variable. Rain at 9 o'c
4.	65	82	69	Mostly Fair.
5.	63	61	53	Rainy.
6.	51	74	60	Fair.
7.	50	77	60	Fair
Sunday 8.	55	65	60	Rainy.
9.	61	80	69	Showery.
10.	65	78	66	Fair A.M. Showery P.M.
11.	60	73	60	Hard rain last night - Fair today.
12.	59	78	57	Fair
13.	50	75	57	Fair
14.	50	78	62	Fair.
Sunday 15.	59	83	70	Fair
16.	64	83½	71	Fair. Slight Thunder shower at night.
17.	62	79	62	Fair.
18.	51	79	67	Mostly Fair.
19.	64	81	73	Shower A.M. Fair P.M.
20.	69	84	67	Fair.
21.	64		67	Hard shower P.M.
22.	57	73	60	Fair
23.	57	77	64	Rainy A.M. Fair P.M.
24.	50	73	59	Fair.
25.	51	76	64	Fair
26.	56	82	65	Hard shower P.M. Fair A.M. with Thunder & Lightning
27.	63	74	57	Fair
28.	47		60	Fair.
S 29.	55	61	58	Powerful rain P.M.
30.	60	81	69	Fair.
31.	58	78	69	Fair

August.	Sunrise.	1 P.M.	9 P.M.	
1	53	73	59	Fair
2	49	74	61	Fair
3	57	79	65	Fair.
4	64	74	71	Rain early in the morning. Fair rest of the day.
S 5	61	79	64	Fair.
6.	55	80	64	Fair
7.	57	83	74	Fair
8.	66	82	72	Hazy.
9.	66	83	68	Fair
10.	60	85	74	Fair
11.	66	73	65	Hazy.
S 12.	60	83	68	Fair
13.	60	81	68	Rain A.M. Powerful rain at night.
14.	63	63	59	Rainy.
15.	51	71	55	Fair.
16.	47	73	60	Fair.
17.	55	78	66	Fair
18.	57	79	68	Fair.
S 19.	58	79	69	Fair.
20.	62	69	66	Cloudy.
21.	66	79	70	Some rainy & muggy.
22.	66	81	69	Fair. very sultry.
23.	63	79	69	mostly fair
24.	67	79	69	Mostly Fair
25.	66	79	70	Fair mostly.
S 26.	60	77	63	Fair
27.	54	75	57	Fair
28.	55	71	57	Fair
29.	47	75	61	Fair
30.	49	75	62	Fair
31.	59	72	63	Mostly fair.

Aug. 15th " Park trims the Isabella grape.

" 17th " The friends all leave this forenoon - Park off family for Reading a few days
Thurs & Bessie for Augusta - Bessie has been quite unwell for "
I heard a Katy did for the first time this season tonight. The
crickets & grasshoppers now hold their regular fall concerts at night,
and are heard more or less during the day.
Corn does not set well this season - We are beginning to have shell
beans from the vines & green beans - also tomatoes

Sept. 3d. Wood brought by Theophilus Edwards 109 feet.

Aug. 20. Take tea at Aunt Irene's, it being Martha's 24th " birth day.

" 31. John & Mary Hall here coming in the N. P. Mc train from Greenfield
and leaving in the aft.

Sept. 1st " Thurs & Apphia arrive in the 3. P. Mc. train from Boston - They left
Augusta yesterday, spending the night in B.

" 4th " Receive a telegram from Chicago ~~saying~~ announcing Uncle Samuel's death.
He has been very ill a long time, and his friends have not ex-
pected his recovery -
In an easy carryall, Thurs Apphia Martha & I take a delightful ride
over the South end of Mt Dom - returning home by way of Holyoke.

" 5. Dr McLean, Wife & child come from Springfield to make Aunt S. a short visit

" 7. Aunt Bigelow comes from Brattleboro thinking to attend the funeral
of Uncle Samuel. This is deferred -

" 10. Aunt Bigelow leaves this morning - Have enjoyed her visit - very much.

" 13. Thurs goes to Greenfield & Deerfield -

" 14. Apphy & I walked on Round Hill before breakfast to see the beau-
tiful fog which follows, & rises above the river -
Took tea at Mrs Isaac Clarke's with Apphia & Cos. Mc.

" 15. Thurs returns in the 5. P. Mc train.

" 20th " The remains of Uncle Samuel arrive today.

" 21st " We all take tea at Aunt Irene's.

" 22 - Thurs makes a revolution in the lower part of the house, the dining
" room is changed into a bedroom, & the old bedroom becomes a sitting
" room - Thurs dusts & arranges all of father's books down stairs -
The Jewett grape is ripe & sweet now - The Isabellas are turning fast.
The Buffum Pear grafts bear well this season, & are ready to gather.
The new four tree Bartlett pears -

September	Sunrise	1 P.M.	9 P.M.	
1.	51	69	61	Fair
2.	49	67	53	Fair.
3	43	71	55	Fair
4	43	73	62	Fair
5.	58	75	70	Fair
6.	65	78	67	Fair
7	61	79	72	Rather cloudy
8	68	70	65	Rain at last.
9.	48	65	48	Cloudy.
10.	40	65	57	Fair
11	48	64	57	Fair
12.	53	52	46	very Rainy-
13.	47	60	47	Fair
14.	40	69	54	Fair
15	47	74	62	Fair
S 16	52	73	62	Fair
17.	58	70	69	Cloudy.
18.	47	70	56	Fair
19.	49	67	64	Cloudy.
20	63	68	56	Rainy
21.	56	62	50	Rainy. A.M. Fair P.M.
22	43	63	55	Fair
S. 23.	52	67	51	Fair
24.	53	69	61	Mostly fair
25.	61	63	55	Sudden showers during the day.
26.	50	58	50	Fair.
27.	46			I was absent from the
28.				morning of the 26th Sept.
29.				till the eve of Oct 2d &
S. 30.				The weather record for
				much of that time is
				wanting.

October.	Sunrise.	1. P.M.	9. P.M.	
1.	28.			
2.	46		55.	Fair.
3.		62	57	
4.	51	58	51	Somewhat rainy.
5.	51	58	57	Rainy.
6.	51	49	39	Fair.
S. 7.	33	59	57	Fair
8.	48	58	49	Rainy.
9.	36	50	43	Mostly fair.
10.	43	59	57	Fair
11.	53	64	56	Fair.
12	46	55	37	Fair
13.	31	53	43	Mostly fair.
S. 14.	37	48	38	Cloudy. A.M. Rainy at night
15.	38	47	37	Rain & hail in the night. Clears away about 10. A.M.
16.	31	57	40	Fair.
17.	31	47	44	Foggy A.M. Mostly cloudy.
18.	41	54	43	cloudy. A.M. Fair. P.M.
19.	34	59	48	Fair.
20.	49	59	48	Mostly fair.
S. 21.	45	49	46	Rainy.
22.	47	57	57	Cloudy.
23.	49	53	48	Cloudy A.M. Fair P.M.
24.	44	58	57	Morning Foggy. Fair rest of day
25.	41	61	49	Fair
26.	47	67	46	Fair A.M. Sudden shower P.M.
27.	36	55	43	Fair.
S. 28.	34	49	44	Cloudy.
29.	44	57	50	Cloudy
30.	50	61	57	Cloudy.
31.	57	69	61	Cloudy mostly.

September. 23d. Thusa occupies herself a good deal in looking over fashions Sunday. papers. I help her wherever I can.

Sept. 24. Mon. Washing & Ironing all done today, that we may be ready to start for Orange Wed. for it is decided that I go with the rest. Joseph arrives in the half past seven train, from Augusta having come through in one day.

" 25. Tues. Uncle Samuel's remains are interred today under the most unfavorable circumstances. Severe showers occurring often and the many friends who left home for the purpose of witnessing the last ceremony were prevented from being at the proper time at the cemetery. Aunt Irene & Aunt Betsey & Thusa Martha & Melissa were the only ones present. The sisters all met at Aunt Irene's afterward & an appropriate hymn was sung.

Aunt Sally is to remain with mother while I go to Orange for a few days.

" 26. Wed. Thusa. Joseph, Sophia, Myself start at 6 o'c for Orange. N. J. Thusa & I were up at 4 o'c making preparations. A fine morning's day. Hophni meets us at N. Y. depot. We take a carriage to Jersey City ferry where we meet Walker. he goes on to Orange with us.

October. 2. Tues. With Sophia & Joseph returned from Orange. This evening by the Canal R. R. from New Haven. A dull, hard road. Thusa comes back no more at present. but goes to her old place in Brooklyn where she will open private classes for young ladies. having left Brooklyn Heights Seminary. Mother has been very comfortable in my absence. Aunt S. has been good company for her. The weather has been unusually cold here for the season, mercury falling down to 28° yesterday morn. Oct. 1st. The vines & most of the flowers are killed. The native grapes which were not picked as they should have been before a life were spoiled. The Isabellas are not so much injured being near the house. In some of the hill towns it is said apples were frozen on the trees. Mr. Wm Clarke lost his beautiful crop of Northern Muscadine grapes. My most tender house plants were brought into the house fortunately before I left. Verbenas were not injured or Carnation Pinks. The squashes were well cared for by mother. We have 12 very nice looking ones.

Until today the weather has been very cool while we were in Orange & fires were needed for comfort. I did not hear any frost about Walker's. He lives in a charming spot, in a beautiful region. I had

a delightful visit. Sophie Ormsbee was staying with [illegible].
Hamm had many delightful rides with Walker - He is two horses are "Confidence" & "Perry". Thusa was with us all the time.
Hop came out twice and we all had a nice visit together.
Oct. 4. Thurs. Cattle Show. We have no company.
" 5. Fri. " " " Balloon sent up.
" 6. Sat. Joseph hires a carryall & takes mother & Sophia up to the Cemetery, & then to Florence's where I am with them - We take tea with Frances. A very cold day. I get Father's picture today from Mr Bell's "picture man" - who has been painting it from a daguerreotype - I think we shall like it better than we expected. With J. I select the frame -
" 7. Sun. In the aft. Walk through Paradise with Joseph - perfect day. Gather some bright leaves.
" 8. Mon. Tried to have a ride over Mt Tom. But the weather was unpleasant. All take tea with Aunt Irene.
" 9. Tues. Joseph & Sophia leave us this morning - & turn their faces homewards - Short are the days now - and evenings long. But while the forests are so beautiful we can bear being alone very well, with mild weather - What we shall do by & by I cannot tell.
" 11. Thurs. This aft. have a delightful ramble in Paradise Woods with Martha - Gather some brilliant leaves for pressing & get chestnuts. The woods were never seen in their autumnal colors than this fall. Tom & Holyoke are beautifully mottled -
" 14. Sun. Cold day. Rain & hail in the night - papers say that snow fell on the hills. There were white spots of hail to be seen here & there on Monday morning - Oct 15. Mr. Edwards pays up his note $558.
" 17. Wed. Mother makes calls on this St - with me - leaves the walk very well
" 20. Sat. Aunt I. & M. take tea with us.

I omitted to say in the proper place that Sept 25th Joseph gathered half a bushel of "Baffums" pears from our tree - this graft was put in four years ago I believe. These pears when picked were quite green & hard, but in a week had turned yellow & mellow and were very delicious. A graft of Bartlett Pear put in at the same time bore nine fine specimens last year, and five this year. We have a few excellent French Turnips that I raised from seed.

October.

23d Franklin M. Ford paid $273.00. being the greater part of his note. He still owes $35,90 for which he gave his note.

24th Mother rode down to the Registers office this morn with Mr F. Woods. change the mortgage.

27th Appie's fortieth birth day. Sent a draft to Park. for $890.00

30. This Sapp has paid in by Mr Edwards & Ford with the exception of $60. dividend from Deerfield Bank — and is to be invested by Park.

30. Mother's 74th birth day.

31. Unusually mild weather. Rode with Silsbees to Whately & Hatfield

November.

1. Very mild. Doors & windows open like summer. Make boquets of fresh flowers. Sweet-Alyssum, Verbenas, Mignonette are in full growth & flower and I find an occasional Mourning Bride & Aeschotzia. Mrs Oliver Warner. Sen. Mrs George Shepard & Miriam Clarke here to tea. Mercury 72° at noon. Park writes that he has invested the money

5. in the Michigan Central Rail Road. 8 per cent interest. He bought $1000,00 bond for $975.00 - $25.00 out of his own money.

6. Election Day. Excites a great deal of interest. Streets full of people all day & noisy at night. We have had several Torch-light processions lately composed of young men calling themselves "Wide Awakes".

7. Martha comes in early to tell us that the Republicans are victorious & Abraham Lincoln is chosen president. Hannibal Hamlin, Vice President. for the next four years. We rejoice.

9. A brilliant torch-light procession passes through the street this eve

14. Lovely day. Walk out to Florence with Bro. Martha & take dinner with Frances. She has been altering her house this fall for two families — The parlor has been a little enlarged & improved. Her brother Edward who is soon to be married will occupy one half of the house.

15. Gathered fresh flowers from the garden this day.

16. Aunt Lecy gets Mr Woods horse & buggy & carries mother to the cemetery & afterwards out to Florence & Lem they sit an hour with Frances These last three days have been unusually pleasant & mild —

24. Thanksgiving Day has come once more & cannot be much to us except in memory of the past. Father died very poorly last year & could not enjoy his dinner - still we did not think he would not be with us another year.

November	Sunrise	1 P.M.	9 P.M.	
1.	59	72	59	Cloudy A.M. Fair at night
2.	50	65	58	Mostly cloudy.
3.	53	55	57	Rain at night
S. 4.	57	55	39	Fair
5.	31	56	45	Fair
Election. 6.	43	54	37	Thunder Shower A.M. Fair P.M.
7.	37	48	37	Mostly fair
8.	35	50	38	Fair
9	30	49	40	Mostly fair
10.	39	46	41	Hard rain from N.E.
S. 11.	43	47	45	Rainy.
12.	43	53	47	Mostly fair
13.	44	54	44	" "
14.	32	52	39	Fair.
15.	29	53	43	Fair
16.	33	48	37	Fair
17.	33	43	41	Cloudy.
S. 18	40	47	43	Rainy.
19.	36	48	43	Cloudy.
20	35	46	37	Mostly fair
21.	29	37	29	Fair.
22	21	38	24	Fair
23	28	35	45	Snow turns to rain variable today
24.	32	37	19	Tremendous rain last night
S. 25	16	27	20	Mostly fair
26.	15	31	28	Fair A.M. Cloudy P.M.
27.	32	48	41	Rain A.M. Clouds P.M.
28	34	39	26	Fair
29	20	38	29	Fair
30.	25	35	35	Rainy.

December	Sunrise.	1 P.M.	9 P.M.	
1.	34	35	29	Cloudy
S. 2.	25	29	29	Mostly fair
3	31	37	33	Mostly fair
4	31	34	28	Cloudy
5.	29	33	23	Seven inches snow fell yesterday aft & in the night
6.	25	37	25	Mostly fair.
7.	22	35	22	Cloudy
8	14	28	22	Mostly fair.
S. 9.	10	29	21	"
10.	24	30	31	Snowy
11	30	35	19	Mostly fair
12.	13	24	26	Some snowy.
13	28	31	17	Mostly fair
14.	7	12	3	Fair.
15.	7	14	3	Fair.
S. 16.	7	15	12	Fair
17.	8	33	22	Mostly fair.
18.	15	21	12	"
19.	8	23	21	Cloudy.
20.	32	36	36	Rain.
21.	35	43	31	Fair
22.	31		29	Rain hail & snow
S. 23	16	23	19	Fair
24.	13	21	19	"
25.	15	33	24	Cloudy.
26.	27	37	28	Pleasant
27.	25	33	25	Cloudy
28.	25	32	19	Fair
29	23	32	26	Cloudy.
S. 30.	27	40	31	"
31.	31	31	12	Snow fell last night. Clear P.M.

December.

9. Sunday. Mr Birge came up this aft. & sat awhile. He has not been down as before since early last summer. He is in much better health now & hopes to have a comfortable winter.

21. Friday. Irene Smith & her nephew Pliny Jones Hemlock also spent part of the next day.

18. Elihu Bartlett of Westhampton brought a cord & a quarter of wood. He hires land of Father for pasturing. This year agreed to pay $4.00 which he did in this wood. I paid him the balance $2.25. He has taken the land for another year at the same price, $4.

24. ~~Monday~~ Tuesday. Hear of Jenny Brewer's death. She has had consumption for many months.

25. Tuesday. Christmas Day, passes like other days with us. Yesterday I received from Joseph a fine photograph of himself.

26. Wed. The Silsbees shut their house & leave for Easton. I have the key to their house.

31st Mon. This last day of the year is very mild & pleasant. The mercury this noon at 31° above zero. Very unlike last year at the same time, when Father records it as 4° below zero. The whole month has been very mild the mercury falling below 0 but twice. Then only seven degrees. We have had just snow enough to keep the sleighing good. no drifts. The sledding has been fine and the farmers have improved it in bringing a great deal of wood into town.

Mother has been more unwell since cold weather came on. Her appetite is small, and she has little strength. She suffers more with her head. Last winter the cold increased mother's infirmities, but she had more strength than now. The latter part of the day mother is most comfortable. She often reads to me an hour or more in the evening. Her appetite is best at night.

Aunt Irene is quite unwell at this time with what seems to be neuralgia or rheumatism. She has called no physician. Our neighbor Mr Wood too has been sick ever since Thanksgiving and under a physician's care. This week there is more hope of his recovery.

Martha and I are very well and busy with the care of our mothers. I have to day written a letter of 6 pages to Hophni. sent him $2. to pay for the Evangelist next year. and written to Sophie Ormsbee.

This eve mother reads to me. A little snow fell last night. The sky to night is very clear, and mercury much lower than it has been 12°.

The country is in a distracted state owing to the position of the South in consequence of Lincoln's election, indicating the strong sentiment of the North against Slavery & its extension. The country seems on the verge of war. Oh that Father were living with his voice to speak, & his pen to write words of wisdom here at this time.

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Jan.	Sunrise	1 P.M.	9 P.M.	
1.	15	33	28	Cloudy.
2.	21	36	22	Beautiful day.
3.	29	28	24	N.E. snows some the rest of the night, continued till about 5 P.M.
4.	25	30	18	Snow A.M. Fair P.M.
5.	10	27	11	Fair.
S. 6.	13	38	28	Variable.
7.	30	39	35	Cloudy.
8.	31	32	20	Mostly fair.
9.	11	23	16	Cloudy.
10.	18		24	Snowed a little last night.
11.	2	13	9	Cloudy.
12.	4	11	5—	A little snow last night & this morn. Fair P.M.
S. 13.	below 20½	5	10—	Clear & Bright.
14.	8—	12	12	Snowing at night.
15.	23	33	29	Snow & Rain last night Cloudy to day.
16.	30	33	27	Rain & hail all day.
17.	25	29	24	Mon snow last night. Cloudy to day.
18.	21	29	24	Cloudy. Snowing at night.
19.	22	35	31	Cloudy.
S. 20.	27	35	38	Mostly fair.
21.	17	32	16	Fair
22.	15	25	12	Fair
23.	3	21	13	Fair
24.	13	22	23	Snowy. about 8 inches snow.
25.	25	43	24	Mostly cloudy.
26.	19	33	23	cloudy.
S. 27.	23	33	15	Snowed a little last night. Fair.
28.	3	27	10	snowing A.M. fair. P.M.
29	4	27	25	Snowy.
30.	25	25	21	Blustering.
31.	13	27	18	Mostly fair

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Feb.	Sunrise	1 P.M.	9 P.M.	
1.	13	29	26	Fair A.M. cloudy P.M.
2.	31	45	37	Foggy & Thawy.
S. 3.	32	34	21	Mostly fair.
4.	15	30	17	cloudy.
5.	10	35	27	cloudy.
6.	22	39	29	Fair.
7.	33		1—	squally.
8.	17—	1—	1—	Fair.
9.	10—	17	9	Cloudy.
S. 10.	22	45	35	variable.
11.				
12	40	55	41	Fog & Rain & sunshine.
13.	34	45	33	Fair.
14.	22	44	34	Mostly fair.
15.	31	35	29	Rainy.
16.	29	44	36	Mostly cloudy.
S. 17.	37	43	33	Mostly fair.
18.	27	41	31	Fair.
19.	26	38	27	Mostly fair
20.	31	42	33	Snowed 3 inches fair at 5.
21.	29	41	23	Snow squall A.M. Fair P.M.
22.	19	29	21	Fair.
23.	21	35	27	cloudy. Rain at night.
S. 24.	35	35	16	Windy & fair.
25	10	31	28	Fair.
26	31	52	37	Mostly fair.
27.	22	46	37	Mostly fair.
28.	32	55	42.	Fair.

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January.

1st Tuesday. Theophilus Edwards brought 112 feet of green wood. mostly white birch and maple. A great deal of sleigh riding to-day – a holiday for the Schools.

2. Wednesday. There was never a more beautiful winter's day – air soft. sun bright & warm. Streets are red sloppy. Eaves running – Had letters from Augusta. Thusa & Lottie Ballard.

3. Thursday. Wake to a North East Snow storm. a good deal of snow has fallen in the night.

Aunt Irene and Mr Wood are better to-day. I wish the same could be said of mother, she has had a poor day.

7. Monday. Called to see Nathan Stowe's who is declining with consumption.

8. Tuesday. Went again to see Mr Stowe. 33 guns fired to day by order of our new Governor John A. Andrew, in honor of Maj. Anderson's Gallant conduct in Taking possession of Fort Sumter S. C. & of General Jackson. We heard them fine very faintly. Such a body of snow I suppose distorted the Sound.

11. Friday. The mercury fell 22° degrees last night! It stood at 24° at 9. P. M. and at 2 above zero this morn.

12. Saturday. The cold is increasing. Mother has felt rather better for a week.

13. Sunday. Intense cold. Mercury in our thermometer 20 1/2 degrees below zero! I have two Inchies frost-bitten. all the rest of my plants escape.

14. Monday. Made preparation for still greater cold last night. Mercury being 10 degrees below zero when I went to bed but was disappointed Mercury rising rather than falling.

15. Tuesday. very mild day. One year ago Albert died.

16. Wednesday. 50 years ago mother was married. Father said in looking forward to this time last year. "If we live to see our fiftieth anniversary we will have a golden wedding." A sad day to us.

18. Friday. Mrs Isaac Blake & Hatty Clay are here to tea.

20. Sunday. Frances here to tea & in the evening. She has not been to see us before since Thanksgiving. Her father is very comfortable this winter.

31st Thursday. The wind blew a perfect gale all day yesterday, & kept the air filled with snow. which is badly drifted. I have been shovelling out a deep drift from the front walk. another one between the gate & steps Mr Jewett shovelled for me. A great depth of snow has fallen this month & we are quite blocked up. The drifts are so bad no sleigh could come from main road to the house, I think, without unpacking.

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March.	Sunrise.	10 A.M.	9 P.M.	
1.	37	47	37	Fair.
2.	35	38	41	Cloudy.
S. 3.	37	39	45	Cloudy. Rain at night.
4.	39	47	37	Fair.
5.	27	34	22.	Fair.
6.	19	37	24	Mostly fair.
7.	5	13	9	Fair. Hard wind last night
8.	4	29	29	Mostly fair.
9.	42	46	37	Hard Rain.
S. 10.	36	46	29	Smoking & Clouds.
11.	20	29	21	Fair.
12.	29	43	35	Thawing & clouds.
13.	27	37	30	Snow last night. Somewhat rainy.
14.	21	31	24	Snowing & Mostly all day.
15.	24	39	30	Cloudy.
16.	29	44	32	Fair.
S. 17.	32	33	15	
18.	5	17	14	Mostly fair.
19	11	19	18	Snowing a little all day.
20	8°	33	21	Fair.
21	24	29	27	Snow Storm. Wind N.E.
22	30	44	35	Cloudy. Snow till 9. A.M.
23	26	47	35	Fair
S. 24	36	42	29	Fair.
25	22	46	35	Mostly cloudy.
26	31	52	42	Cloudy.
27	39	46	41	Rainy.
28	36	43	29	Fair.
29	29	48	38	Fine day.
30	46	59	38	Rather cloudy.
S. 31	34	42	32	Variable

April.	Sunrise.	10 P.M.	9 P.M.	
1.	25	38	29	Snowing in the aft. rather pleasant A.M.
2.	29	38	28	N.E. snow storm.
3.	27	46	29	Mostly cloudy.
4.	16	46	34	Fair.
5.	25	49	41	Fair.
6.	37	50	36	Rather cloudy.
S. 7	34	52	40	Mostly fair.
8.	31	49	36	" "
9.	27	53	39	Fine day.
10.	30	56	41	Fair.
11.	28	64	46	Fair.
12.	30	oo	oo	Fair, hazy -
13.	oo	56	52	Rainy;
S. 14.	51	57		

February.

2d Saturday. Finish the cone frame & have been making for Bessie's picture.

5. Tuesday. Still at work from time to time on my autumn leaves.

7. Thursday. Great snow squall this morning. Cars running at noon - awful wind this afternoon. Mercury falls suddenly to 1° below 0 at 9 P.M.

8. Friday. Last night was terrible for wind & cold - could not sleep - Mercury at 17° below zero! Some plants frozen - can scarcely keep warm during the day.

9. Saturday. Passed a quiet night: 10° below 0. this morn. Give away some clothing for Starving, freezing Kansas.

14. Thursday. Isaac Clarke called this aft.

16. Saturday. Walker comes this aft. We were expecting him a little. He has been to Augusta & Boston.

17. Sunday. Visiting last with Walker all day.

18. Monday. W. leaves in the 11 o'c train. We commence taking the Daily Tribune today. Lydia Stone, who is at Dr Jennison's Water Cure, a cousin of mother's, took tea with us this aft. with Aunt Irene & Martha.

19. Tuesday. Walk out to Frances. return about seven. Hard walk.

23. Saturday. Theophilus Edwards brings wood. 56 feet: has much trouble in making the wood into the yard.

27. Wednesday. I heard a blue-bird for the first time this morning. some people heard them yesterday. Mother calls with me on Miss Esther Jewett. who is very ill - and cannot live long.

March.

1. Friday. A beautiful spring day. Hear of old Dr Hooker's death. Hop's letter to day contains the news of Mrs Jennison Chapin's very sudden death.

5. Jane Hooker of Springfield calls & sees us - Has been with her husband to Dr Hooker's funeral. Mr Lincoln has been successfully inaugurated & is now President - Mother reads the Inaugural to me this afternoon.

8. Friday. Frances & Kate here to dinner - Kate spends the night.

9. Saturday. Severe Rain Storm most of the day - clearing off at bed time.

11. Monday. Attend the funeral of Nathan Storrs. He died last Saturday.

13. Wednesday. Attend the funeral of our good neighbor Miss Esther Jewett. She died last monday. We shall miss her slight figure & quaint deeds from the garden when summer comes. She was a genuine lover of nature flowers and spent much time & labor over her flower beds - Father enjoyed a talk with her

Thermostat.

19. Tuesday. The first days of this month were very genial & spring like - The blue birds were very musical - The snow had gradually wasted away without a flood, The walks roads were quite bare, walking pretty good and it seemed as if we were to have an early Spring after the severe winter - but we were doomed to disappointment - cold weather suddenly returned, & we had winter over again - We have had a few inches of snow & whiten the ground, but not enough for sleighing & wheels continue to rumble over the rough roads. Yesterday & today were very wintry - It has been trying & snow from the N. E. all day, but I believe it was too cold. Hophni writes that "he thinks this season that winter instead of "Lingering in the lap of Spring" sits right down in her lap -" Very true & original. The birds are silent - poor things - on the right
I omitted to say in the proper place, Feb. 27th we had a great avalanche of snow from the front roof which injured the pin trees seriously.

21. Thursday. We have a drifting N. E. snow storm all day after 10 A. M. Very little travel on the street, the air is full of snow & it seems like mid winter - Neighbor Bridgman makes a call towards night, the only event to break up the monotony of the day.

22. Friday. We wake to the same driving storm that we left when we went to bed - but it ceases about 9. A. M. We have apparently fallen back into January. The snow plough is out - makes a nice path for us & our neighbors - There is a deep drift at the gate which I shovel through - Neighbor Jewett says he cannot remember such a severe storm so late in the season - Sleighs are running merrily -

25. Monday. Mr Stiles's house is open again - Maria & Annie return this aft.

26. Tuesday. Mr Reba Strong has sawed & split our wood & today piled it in the woodhouse.

27. Wednesday. Very rainy & foggy all day - A sad time for the funeral of our neighbor's son. Edward Bridgman, who died in Hartford last Sunday of consumption -

28. Friday. Frances & Kate come this forenoon to make us a visit -

29. Saturday. We all take tea at Aunt Irene's - mother has not been out before for a long time. Just one year ago Father took tea there with mother and me -

31. Sunday. Unitarian church open today. I attend in the morning. Sermon from the text - "There shall be no night - there." "

Walking is now quite dry, with thick shoes one could go out without rubbers. There is little snow to be seen, save on the shady side of rooms & sheltered spots - We begin to feel the presence of Spring - We have considerable bird music - The song sparrow is conspicuous now - The "Southern Confederacy" is so far triumphant.

April.

1. Monday. Tolerably pleasant forenoon, but the air is chilly - & about four P.M. snow is falling - Is it possible that we are to have another Snow Storm?
Frances left us this forenoon - Her father remains about the same.

2. Tuesday. We are actually having a North East Snow Storm - How incessonable. There is little stirring in the street all day - The snow is accumulating fast. Mr Bridgman comes over to shovel us out - he is too late. Sleighs are out.

3. Wednesday. Snow Scraper out in winter, & as much necessity for it - I should think there was a foot or more of snow - I went over to Aunt Dennis yesterday aft - & the snow was over the top of my rubber boots -
Williamsburgh Express comes in on runners, as it did yesterday.

4. Thursday. Annual Fast. Preaching in the Old Church - I went to the Post-Office in the aft - but not to church - The "Free Press" reports Mr Eddy's Sermon on the Times from 1 Kings - 12:24. "The preacher claims that the once glorious union of the United States how much so ever the fact may be ignored, is now virtually dissolved & the sooner the stern reality is acknowledged the better it will be for all concerned."
"To him Providence would seem to indicate that two Republics should exist on this continent, else why has He permitted two sections to spring up under the same "vine & fig tree" which are so diametrically opposed to each other."
The walking is awful - Streets all mud - Father went to church a year ago ~~5. Friday. He~~ on Fast day for the last time -

5. Friday. Transact business - Get dividends & pay some debts &c -

6. Saturday. Speak to Mr Brock about garden matters.
I hear frogs tonight for the first time -

7. Sunday - The new snow has nearly melted away & the face of nature is about as one week ago. Walking quite dry.

8. Monday. Dig the Parsnips. The papers say that "War is close at hand"

9. Tuesday. Mr Bollwood is here looking over father's books.

12. Friday. We have concluded to have the outside of the house painted this season. I have engaged "Jones & Co" to do it - The work is commenced today. We have had no rain for a long time - This street is very dusty.

13. Saturday. Tribune brings news that hostilities were commenced at Charleston yesterday by the Confederate Troops firing on Fort Sumter which was returned by Maj. Anderson - thus War has finally begun. It is a dreadful reality. A very rainy day - which starts the grass.

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14. Sunday. We hear this morning that Fort Sumter has been surrendered by Maj. Anderson to the enemy after a severe struggle —

The following is the list of Expenses incurred in

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Price of Lot [illegible]

" Lettering Letters at [illegible]

3 " " Oval " $2.00 " " 6.00

225 Feet of Base at .01 per foot [illegible]

Use of Derrick [illegible]

[illegible] 1 Man Days at $3.00 per day [illegible]

Hauling [illegible] Stone [illegible] 1.50

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Block Stone for the Father 17.00

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Moving & Cleaning Thomas Judd Stone 5.00

639.78

Thirty 0.25 Feet Setting & Sail 0. Expense to [illegible] 15 [illegible]

These Expenses have been paid in full

" [illegible] $150.00

" C. P. " 44.26

" Asphin " 50.00

" Hopkins " 75.00

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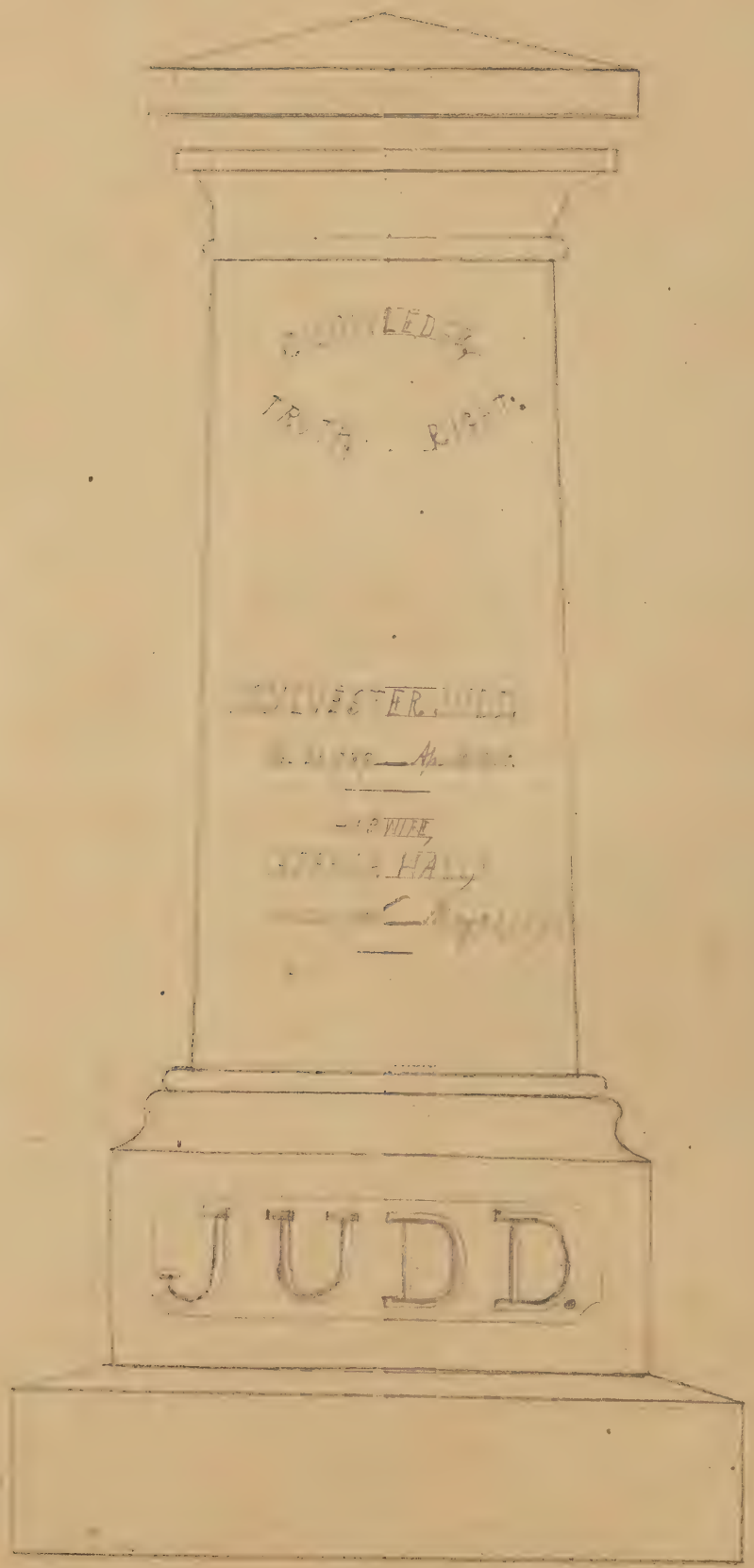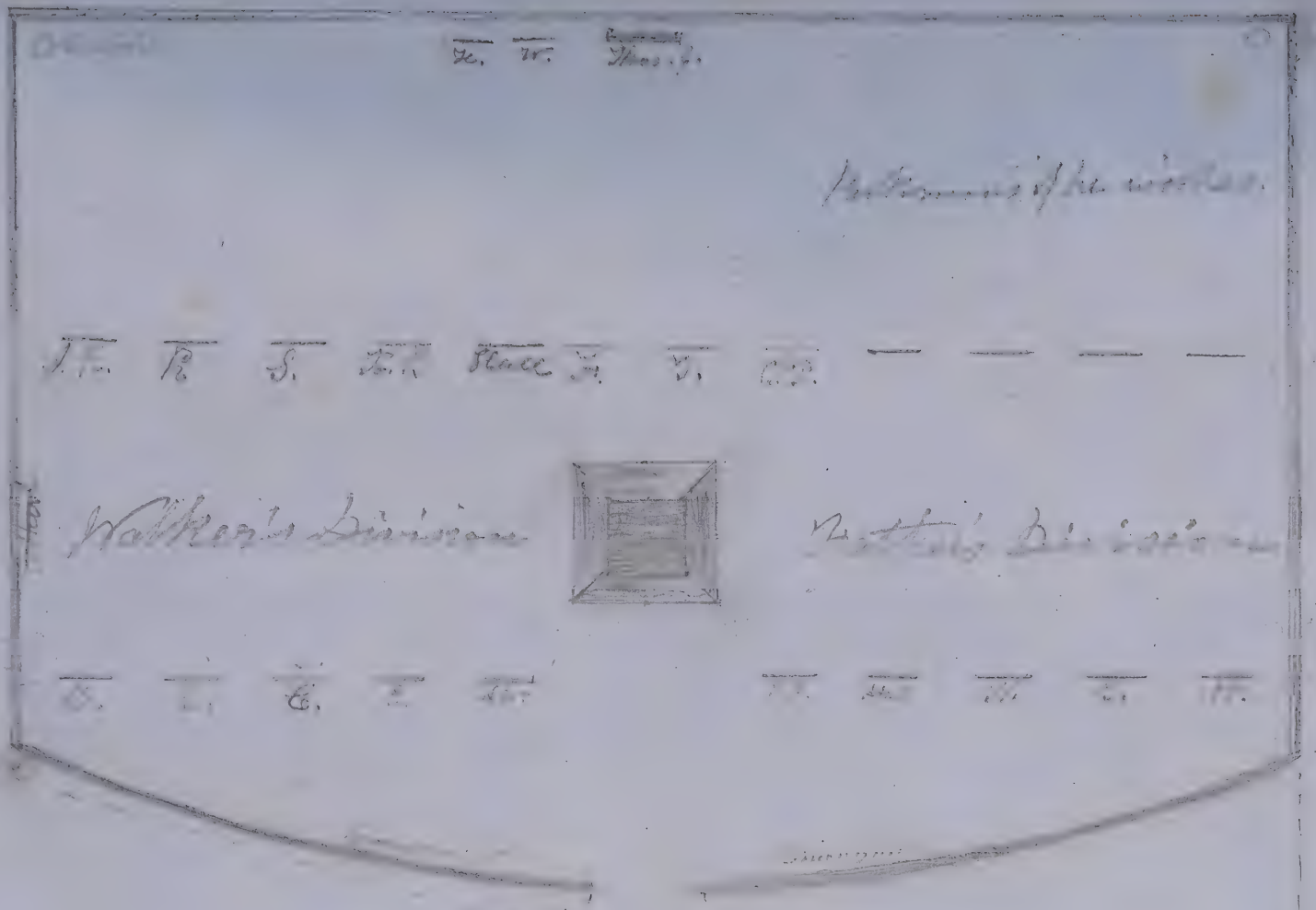
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